



## Part 1: Growing In Grace

### INTRODUCTION – BEING RECONCILED WITH REALITY

2 Corinthians 5:19

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When we are reconciled to God, we are reconciled to \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 2:7; Job 33:4; 34:14-15; Acts 17:28; Colossians 1:17

H\_\_\_\_\_ is the biblical authors’ short-form for continually depending on God as our Source of life.

Matthew 18:4; Luke 18:14  
Proverbs 3:34

Colossians 3:12; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5

### THE POWER OF GRACE

2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
Hebrews 4:14-16

2 Peter 3:17-18

- You are responsible for your own \_\_\_\_\_.
- You should grow in what you \_\_\_\_\_ of and what you \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

2 Peter 1:3

Grace is more than getting forgiveness when we fail. That’s called \_\_\_\_\_. Grace is receiving God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to live and to grow.

When we fail, when we are “in need”, God’s primary response is not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ to help us grow.

### HOW WE RECEIVE GRACE

God’s delivery system for grace is \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 4:16; 2 Corinthians 7:6

Moving from accountability to empowerment...

Romans 3:20

### CONCLUSION – WHAT COULD THIS LOOK LIKE?

Hebrews 10:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Galatians 6:2

FOR FURTHER READING...

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### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

#### WARMING UP...

1. Use your notes to review this week’s message. Talk about what points most challenged, perplexed, or encouraged you.

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read Paul’s words (from multiple translations, if available) about the value of being a part of the Body of Christ in **Ephesians 4:11-16**. a) What verse or phrase stands out to you the most? Why? b) What is the stated role of leadership in the church? What might that look like if done right/wrong? (Offer some examples.) c) What are some of the marks of spiritual immaturity? Do you ever see those signs in your own life? d) What lessons for spiritual growth can you find in **verses 15-16**? List as many as you can. e) How could i) you and ii) your Home Church, better apply each of these growth principles? (Be as practical in your answer as possible. Use examples.)

#### SO WHAT?...

3. Is there anything in your life that you would like your Home Church to *grace* you in? In other words, is there some area of life that you need active help to grow in? If you like, talk about it. Commit to simple strategies together. Pray.

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