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KNOWING JESUS

GROWING IN GRACE

2 Peter 3:18

- “But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.”

CCIC believes that;

- CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. Galatians 2:20 “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”
- LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14 And over all these virtues put on love, which bind them all together in perfect unity.”
- GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15 “He said to them. Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.”

OUR STRUCTURE;

- TO TEACH THE WORD.
- TO TEACH TO PRAY.
- TO TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE.
- TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

GROWING IN GRACE

2 PETER 3:18

- 1. Grace is God's unmerited favor and transforming power. It saves us, sustain us. Shapes us into Christ's image.
- 2. Growing in grace means learning to depend more on God's strength and less on our own.
- 3. Grace changes our character-reproducing humility, kindness, forgiveness, and love.
- 4. Grace equips us to serve others with the gifts God has given to us.
- 5. The more we understand grace, the more we respond with gratitude and worship to God.

ROOTED IN CHRIST.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

- 1. Receive Christ and walk in Him.
- 2. Be rooted in Christ.
- 3. Be built up in Him.
- 4. Be established in the faith as you have been taught.
- 5. May your walk with Christ abound with thanksgiving.

Text: 1 Peter 2:1-3

- “Therefore , rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like a new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

GROWING BY FEEDING THE WORD. HOW TO GROW IN GRACE?

- 1. THE PREPARATION FOR GROWTH. “Get rid of all malice”(V1)
- “Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.”
- A. The growth requires putting away what hinders appetites.
- B. Sin dulls hunger for the word. (5 sins to get rid)
- C. Before we can feed, we must be clean.

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- 2. THE PURSUIT FOR GROWTH. Craving the word.
- “Like a new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk.
- A. A healthy Christian has a desire for God’s word.
- B. The word must be pure. Untainted, Unmixed with error. It must be nourishing-able to build spiritual strength.
- C. Craving is continues not one times.” What you desire determines how you grow.”

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- 3. THE PURPOSE OF GROWTH. “Maturity in Christ”.
“so that by it you may grow up in your salvation”
- A. Spiritual growth is moving from immaturity to become mature.
- B. The Word of God is not just for information, but for transformation.
- C. We all grow together in the likeness of Christ.

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- 4. THE POWER FOR GROWTH. “Tasting God’s goodness.” now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”
- A. Growth is fueled by experience of God’s goodness.
- B. The more we taste His grace, the more we hunger for Him.
- C. God’s Word is not duty but delight.

CONCLUSION;

- “GROWING IN GRACE REQUIRES PUTTING AWAY SINS, CRAVING THE WORD OF GOD, MATURING IN SALVATION, AND CONTINUALLY TASTING THE GOODNESS OF GOD.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. WHICH OF THE FIVE HINDRANCES DO I STRUGGLE WITH MOST?
- 2. DO I CRAVE GOD'S WORD LIKE A NEW BORN BABIES CRAVES MILK?
- 3. IN WHAT WAYS HAVE I SEEN MYSELF GROW SPIRITUALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR?
- 4. HAVE I PERSONALLY TASTED THE LORD'S GOODNESS?
- 5. HOW DOES THE GOODNESS OF GOD FUELED ME IN MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

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