

# Means of Grace

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What do you want out of your  
relationship with Christ?

**16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, **17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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- 3) We have never seen it
- 4) We don't know how to get there.

Means of Grace: God ordained practices  
in which we get to KNOW God.

If we don't practice the "Means of Grace" and we are waiting for the "Big Moment" where we finally arrive at "Knowing God," it's not going to happen.

Reading and Meditating on Scripture is  
a Means of Grace.

**“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? (Jesus)**

## Psalm 119

**9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity?**

**By living according to your word.**

**10 I seek you with all my heart;**

**do not let me stray from your commands.**

**11 I have hidden your word in my heart**

**that I might not sin against you.**

**12 Praise be to you, LORD;**

**teach me your decrees.**

## Psalm 119

- 13 With my lips I recount  
all the laws that come from your mouth.**
- 14 I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.**
- 15 I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.**
- 16 I delight in your decrees;  
I will not neglect your word.**

***11 I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.***



*If I have hidden God's word in my heart, then  
I am not likely to sin against God.*

Jesus showed that treasuring God's word is our primary tool for living God's way.

Why did Jesus not sin?

*If I am likely to sin against God, then I have not hidden His word in my heart.*

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The test is coming. Everyone has the opportunity to prepare. Will you be prepared?

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