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“HOW TO GROW IN GRACE”
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Isaiah 30:18a (NIV2011): *“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;”*

Colossians 1:6: *“The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world---just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.”* Colossians 1:6

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV2011): *“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”*

GOD’S THREE-PART PROCESS OF GROWING IN HIS GRACE

I. I PUT OFF MY OLD SELF.

Three Old Ways that Don’t Work...

1. Trying to grow BY DOING GOOD.

Matthew 9:17 (NIV2011): *“Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”*

2. Trying to grow BY KEEPING RULES.

Hebrews 13:9b (NIV): *“...It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace...”*

3. Trying to grow BY FEELING BAD.

Romans 8:34 (TLB): *“Who then will condemn us? Will Christ? No! For he is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us there in heaven.”*

II. I PUT ON THE NEW.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB): *“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand-new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!”*

Encouraging Points of My New Life in Christ...

1. I don't have to ACHIEVE MY NEW LIFE.

2. I don't have TO KEEP MY NEW LIFE.

Colossians 3:3 (NCV): *“Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God.”*

But—

3. I do have TO PUT ON THIS NEW LIFE.

III. I BE RENEWED IN MY MIND.

Romans 12:2 (TLB): *“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.”*

Philippians 1:6 (NLT): *“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”*

Philippians 2:13 (TLB): *“For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.”*

Ephesians 4:22-24 (MSG): *“Everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.”*