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# CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

### **Growing in Christ**

1) What is the book, chapter, and verse for this passage of Scripture? "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (KJV)

### **ANSWER**

II Peter 3:18

Exegesis of the Scripture

In pursuit of God's Amazing Grace. Grow in "unmerited favor", undeserved kindness! Immeasurable (endless) riches. Favor, kindness and friendship. Not of works, but through the gift of God. Jesus paid the price for sin.

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

Nothing that we did that was so great or worthy. But it is the grace of God who allows us the opportunity to grow in Him. Grace gives us a gift of forgiveness.

- I John 1:9 *If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].*
- Grace is "God's forgiving mercy"

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- II Peter 3:17 AMP Therefore, [let me warn you] beloved, knowing these things beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of [a] unprincipled men [who distort doctrine] and fall from your own steadfastness [of mind, knowledge, truth, and faith],
  - 1. Don't be attracted to untruths (falsehood, fabrications, deceits, lies).
  - 2. If we don't have knowledge and an understanding of the Scripture, we will be in danger of following after unrighteous people.
  - 3. Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the Word of God. Read, Study, Pray.
- 2) What does 1 Peter 2:2-3 mean?

Scripture: <sup>2</sup>As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: <sup>3</sup> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

#### **ANSWER**

As newly accepting of Jesus Christ, desire to grow! Feed of the earnest, genuine, honest, straight forward Word of Christ. Crave, seek after the pure milk (Word of God).

Desire to grow in Christ! Develop a growth plan to follow. Set goals to reach in three months, six months, nine months, one year, three years, five years, ten years.

## Develop a Personal Growth Plan

Count the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you! Record the talents and positive attributes God has given you! List the spiritual gifts you received from God. Begin working on the survey and be honest with yourself. Then begin thinking of the action plan that you to apply for your future.