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QUOTATIONS RELATED TO
"GRACE"

2 Peter 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

"**Grow in grace**"—not in one **grace** only, but in *all* grace. Grow in that root-**grace**, *faith* . Believe the promises more firmly than you have done. Let faith increase in fulness, constancy, simplicity. Grow also in *love* . Ask that your love may become extended, more intense, more practical, influencing every thought, word, and deed. Grow likewise in *humility* . Seek to lie very low, and know more of your own nothingness. As you grow *downward* in humility, seek also to grow *upward* —having nearer approaches to God in prayer and more intimate fellowship with Jesus. May God the Holy Spirit enable you to " *grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour* ." He who grows not in the knowledge of Jesus, refuses to be blessed. To know him is "life eternal," and to advance in the knowledge of him is to increase in happiness. He who does not long to know more of Christ, knows nothing of him yet. Whoever hath sipped this wine will thirst for more, for although Christ doth satisfy, yet it is such a satisfaction, that the appetite is not cloyed, but whetted. If you know the love of Jesus—as the hart panteth for the water-brooks, so will you pant after deeper draughts of his love. If you do not desire to know him better, then you love him not, for love always cries, "Nearer, nearer." Absence from Christ is hell; but the presence of Jesus is heaven. Rest not then content without an increasing acquaintance with Jesus. Seek to know more of him in his divine nature, in his human relationship, in his finished work, in his death, in his resurrection, in his present glorious intercession, and in his future royal advent. Abide hard by the Cross, and search the mystery of his wounds. **An increase of love to Jesus, and a more perfect apprehension of his love to us is one of the best tests of growth in grace.**

Doubt not his **grace** because of thy tribulation, but believe that he loveth thee as much in seasons of trouble as in times of happiness.

When a Christian grasps a promise, if he does not take it to God, he dishonours him; but when he hastens to the throne o**grace**, and cries, "Lord, I have nothing to recommend me but this, 'Thou hast said it;'" then his desire shall be granted. Our heavenly Banker delights to cash his own notes. Never let the promise rust.

O for **grace** to study the Bible with Jesus as both our teacher and our lesson!

We ought to be Martha and Mary in one: we should do much service, and have much communion at the same time. For this we need great **grace**. It is easier to serve than to commune. Joshua never grew weary in fighting with the Amalekites; but Moses, on the top of the mountain in prayer, needed two helpers to sustain his hands. The more spiritual the exercise, the sooner we tire in it. The choicest fruits are the hardest to rear: the most heavenly **graces** are the most difficult to cultivate.

Grace is the mother and nurse of holiness, and not the apologist of sin.

John 1:16 For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

These words tell us that there is a fulness in Christ. There is a fulness of essential Deity, for “in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead.” There is a fulness of perfect manhood, for in him, bodily, that Godhead was revealed. There is a fulness of atoning efficacy in his blood, for “the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.” There is a fulness of justifying righteousness in his life, for “there is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.” There is a fulness of divine prevalence in his plea, for “He is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by him; seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” There is a fulness of victory in his death, for through death he destroyed him that had the power of death, that is the devil. There is a fulness of efficacy in his resurrection from the dead, for by it “we are begotten again unto a lively hope.” There is a fulness of triumph in his ascension, for “when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and received gifts for men.” There is a fulness of blessings of every sort and shape; a fulness of **grace** to pardon, of grace to regenerate, of **grace** to sanctify, of **grace** to preserve, and of **grace** to perfect. There is a fulness at all times; a fulness of comfort in affliction; a fulness of guidance in prosperity. A fulness of every divine attribute, of wisdom, of power, of love; a fulness which it were impossible to survey, much less to explore. “It pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell.” Oh, what a fulness must this be of which all receive! Fulness, indeed, must there be when the stream is always flowing, and yet the well springs up as free, as rich, as full as ever. Come, believer, and get all thy need supplied; ask largely, and thou shalt receive largely, for this “fulness” is inexhaustible, and is treasured up where all the needy may reach it, even in Jesus, Immanuel—God with us.

My soul’s rest must be a **grace**-given rest, and can only be found in thee.

If thou hast **grace** at all, and art not an intercessor, that **grace** must be small as a grain of mustard seed. Thou hast just enough **grace** to float thy soul clear from the quicksand, but thou hast no deep floods of **grace**, or else thou wouldst carry in thy joyous bark a weighty cargo of the wants of others, and thou wouldst bring back from thy Lord, for them, rich blessings which but for thee they might not have obtained:—

If your life is unholy your heart is unchanged, and if your heart is unchanged you are an unsaved person. If the Saviour has not sanctified you, renewed you, given you a hatred of sin and a love of holiness, he has done nothing in you of a saving character. The **grace** which does not make a man better than others is a worthless counterfeit. Christ saves his people, not in their sins, but from them.

Beloved Christian reader, in matters of **grace** you need a daily supply . You have no store of strength. Day by day must you seek help from above. It is a very sweet assurance that a daily portion is provided for you . In the word, through the ministry, by meditation, in prayer, and waiting upon God you shall receive renewed strength. In Jesus all needful things are laid up for you. Then enjoy your continual allowance . Never go hungry while the daily bread of **grace** is on the table of mercy.

Ezekiel 34:26 "And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing.

Here is sovereign mercy —“I will give them the shower in its season.” Is it not sovereign, divine mercy?—for who can say, “I will give them showers,” except God? There is only one voice which can speak to the clouds, and bid them beget the rain. Who sendeth down the rain upon the earth? Who scattereth the showers upon the green herb? Do not I, the Lord? So **grace** is the gift of God, and is not to be created by man. It is also needed **grace**. What would the ground do without showers? You may break the clods, you may sow your seeds, but what can you do without the rain? As absolutely needful is the divine blessing. In vain you labour, until God the plenteous shower bestows, and sends salvation down. Then, it is plenteous **grace**. “I will send them showers.” It does not say, “I will send them drops,” but “showers.” So it is with **grace**. If God gives a blessing, he usually gives it in such a measure that there is not room enough to receive it. Plenteous **grace**! Ah! we want plenteous **grace** to keep us humble, to make us prayerful, to make us holy; plenteous **grace** to make us zealous, to preserve us through this life, and at last to land us in heaven. We cannot do without saturating showers of **grace**. Again, it is seasonable **grace**. “I will cause the shower to come down in his season .” What is thy season this morning? Is it the season of drought? Then that is the season for showers. Is it a season of great heaviness and black clouds? Then that is the season for showers. “As thy days so shall thy strength be.” And here is a varied blessing. “I will give thee showers of blessing.” The word is in the plural. All kinds of blessings God will send. All God’s blessings go together, like links in a golden chain. If he gives converting **grace**, he will also give comforting **grace**. He will send “showers of blessing.” Look up to-day, O parched plant, and open thy leaves and flowers for a heavenly watering.