

# HOW DO WE GROW?

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“Peter’s great desire...is that we might experience lots and lots of God’s grace; that we might suck it up through our roots and grow by it; that we might soak it in like sunshine through our leaves and grow by it.”

~ John Piper  
*Sermon*

# **2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

~ 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

**I. How Do We Grow In  
The Grace And  
Knowledge Of Our  
Lord And Savior  
Jesus Christ?**

**1. We grow in grace by  
beholding the glory  
of the Lord!**

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face, beholding the glory of  
the Lord...”

~ 2 Corinthians 3:18

**1. We grow in grace by beholding the glory of the Lord!**

**2. We grow from one degree of glory to another.**



“Complicated people  
need time to rethink  
their lives.”

~ Ray Ortlund, Jr.  
*Sermon at Pastors Conference*

“Grace will convince you of your unworthiness without ever making you feel unloved. Grace will make you acknowledge that you cannot earn God’s favor, and it will remove your fear of not measuring up to his standards. Grace will confront you with the fact that you are much less than you thought you were, even as it assures you that

you can be far more than you had ever imagined. Grace will put you in your place without ever putting you down. Grace will enable you to face truths about yourself that you have hesitated to consider, while freeing you from being self-consciously introspective. Grace will confront you with profound weaknesses, and at the same time introduce you

to new-found strengths. Grace will tell you what you aren't, while welcoming you to what you can now be. Grace will make you as uncomfortable as you have ever been, while offering you more comfort than you have ever known. Grace will drive you to the end of yourself, while it invites you to fresh starts and new beginnings. Grace

will dash your hopes, but never leave you hopeless. Grace will decimate your kingdom as it introduces you to a better King. Grace will expose your blindness as it gives you eyes to see. Grace will make you sadder than you've ever been, while it gives you greater cause for celebration than you've ever known. Grace enters your

life in a moment and will occupy you for eternity. You simply cannot live a productive life in this broken-down world unless you have a practical grasp of this grace you have been given.”

~ Paul Tripp

*Broken Down House, pg. 42-43*

**3. Growth in Jesus is  
empowered Holy  
Spirit.**

“If the ministry of death,  
carved in letters on stone,  
came with such glory that the  
Israelite’s could not gaze at  
Moses’ face because of its  
glory, which was being  
brought to an end, will not the  
ministry of the Spirit have



even more glory?...for if what  
was being brought to an end  
came with glory, much more  
will what is permanent have  
glory.”

~ 2 Corinthians 3:7-8, 11

**II. But How Do I  
Grow... You Didn't  
Answer It!**

## **II. But How Do I Grow...You Didn't Answer It!**

- 1. Open your Bible and  
behold Jesus.**

**2. Open your life up to others that you may grow as a disciple and so you can disciple.**

**3. Open your heart to  
the Holy Spirit.**

