**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***How to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Christ***

**II Peter 3:18**

*(A supplement to Philippians 3:10-11)*

Before we talk about what it means to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, we first need to consider several truths about spiritual growth in general**:**

* ***Spiritual growth is dependent on spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_..***
* ***Spiritual growth is never an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is a necessity.***
* ***Spiritual growth is always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not instant or automatic.***
* ***Spiritual growth is not \_\_\_\_\_, it is difficult and painful.***

**I. What Does It Mean To In The Grace Of Christ?**

It is important to understand that growing is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not a state of being.

Grace is unmerited, undeserved \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 2:5-11**

As we come to see His grace in all of its fullness, then we come to see more fully the depth of His indescribable love that \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ to Himself.

**II. What Does It Mean To Grow In The Of Christ?**

The word translated ***“knowledge”*** is the Greek word gnōsis which means “to seek to know through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

There are ***2 aspects***to our growing in the knowledge of Christ**:** ***1)*** There is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pursuit; ***2)***There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pursuit.

These **2** *aspects* of growing in the knowledge of Christ are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ actions - instead, they actually work together.

As we grow in our knowledge of Christ, we will better understand who He is and as a result we will \_\_\_\_\_\_ Him more and be drawn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him in a personal, intimate relationship.

***The better we Him, the more we Him!***

**4 simple steps that will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ:**

 *1) Read about Him in the \_\_\_\_\_\_.*

 *2) Talk to Him through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

 *3) Draw close to Him through the \_\_\_\_\_\_.*

 *4) Make Him the most important part of your \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Conclusion:**

**Growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ requires *3* things:**

***it requires*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***and*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****.***

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