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Sermon Series: Grow in Grace

GRACE gives us what we need; _____ puts it to work.

Possessing something and putting it to _____ are not the same. God has supplied what we need; Peter calls us to grow.

1. GOD'S PROVISION CALLS FOR OUR PARTICIPATION

"For this very reason, make every effort..." (v. 5)

We don't work FOR grace; we work FROM grace. Grace is no excuse for _____; it is the _____ that makes obedience possible.

2. GROWTH SHOULD TOUCH EVERY PART OF OUR CHARACTER

Faith is the foundation; love is the visible result. Add these qualities:

Faith → _____ → knowledge → _____ → steadfastness → _____ → brotherly affection → _____

3. HEALTHY FAITH IS INCREASING AND FRUITFUL

These qualities should be ours and _____ (v. 8). We measure direction, not _____. Remember: Christ has cleansed us (v. 9).

4. GROWTH STRENGTHENS OUR ASSURANCE

Growth doesn't make God choose us; it provides _____ that he is changing us.

Fruit reveals Christ's life at work in us.

We put his provision to work now; he welcomes us into his _____ (vv. 10–11).

SO WHAT?

Which one quality needs to grow? _____

What practice will help us put grace to work this week?