

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”
2 Timothy 2:22

August 22, 2021 - Grow in Grace

In our studies on 2 Peter, we’ve talked a lot about spiritual growth. Specifically, growing in the true knowledge of God. In this letter, as we grow in our knowledge of God, we should also grow in His grace. **“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”** (2 Peter 1:2). **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”** (2 Peter 3:18a). Part of growing in God’s grace is getting away from a legalistic, Heaven-earning mentality.

In one of Tim Keller’s books, he provides a challenging chart contrasting legalism with the true gospel. To help us grow in God’s grace, my encouragement to you is to read these contrasts, and identify the legalistic tendencies you struggle with most. Then surrender them to God in prayer and ask Him to help you grow in His grace. - B.M.

Legalistic Religion	Gospel
“I obey; therefore I’m accepted.”	“I’m accepted; therefore I obey.”
Motivation is based on fear and insecurity.	Motivation is based on grateful joy.
I obey God in order to get <i>things</i> from God.	I obey God to get God - to delight and resemble Him.
When circumstances in my life go wrong, I am angry at God or myself, since I believe, like Job’s friends, that anyone who is good deserves a comfortable life.	When circumstances in my life go wrong, I struggle, but I know that while God may allow this for my training, He will exercise His Fatherly love within my trial
When I’m criticized, I am furious or devastated because it is essential for me to think of myself as a “good person.” Threats to that self-image must be destroyed at all costs.	When I’m criticized, I struggle, but it is not essential for me to think of myself as a “good person.” My identity is not built on my performance but on God’s love for me in Christ.
My prayer life consists largely of petition and only heats up when I am in need. My main purpose in prayer is to control circumstances.	My prayer life consists of generous stretches of praise and adoration. My main purpose is fellowship with God.
My self-view swings between two poles. If and when I am living up to my standards, I feel confident, but then I am prone to be proud and unsympathetic to people who fail. If and when I am not living up to standards, I feel humble but not confident — I feel like a failure.	My self-view is not based on a view of myself as a moral achiever. In Christ I am at once sinful and lost, yet accepted. I am so bad He <i>had</i> to die for me, and so loved He was <i>glad</i> to die for me. This leads me to deeper humility as well as deeper confidence, without either sniveling or swaggering.
My identity and self-worth are based mainly on how hard I work or how moral I am, so I must look down on those I perceive as lazy or immoral. I disdain and feel superior to others.	My identity and self-worth are centered on the One who died for His enemies, including me. Only by sheer grace am I what I am, so I <i>can’t</i> look down on others.
Since I look to my pedigree or performance for my spiritual acceptability, my head manufactures idols — talents, moral record, personal discipline, social status, etc. I absolutely <i>have</i> to have them, so they are my main hope, meaning, happiness, security, and significance, whatever I say I believe about God.	I have many good things in my life — family, work, etc., but none of these good things are <i>ultimate</i> things to me. I don’t absolutely have to have them, so there is a limit to how much anxiety, bitterness, and despair they can inflict on me when they are threatened and lost.

Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord’s Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

Elders

Herb Hinely 407-339-4805
Jeff Hunt 407-739-5266
Joe Rimmer 407-414-7393
Dave Weaver 407-782-1112
Tim Welsh 407-670-8279

Deacons

Matt Hinely, Terry Petty
Erik Quist, Rory Salimbene
Jack Thomas, Emory VanCleaf

Evangelists

Brian Messerli 407-300-2517
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School is cool because it teaches us _____ we can use to _____
God for the rest of our lives.

1. Diligence

- **2 Peter 1:5** - Diligence = _____ hard work
- School teaches us to work hard to reach _____ (**Proverbs 13:4; Hebrews 4:11**)

2. Faith

- **2 Peter 1:5** - Faith = _____ God when we don't know what's going to happen
- School puts us in scary situations with unknown variables that require us to trust and _____ on God. (**Matthew 14:24-33**)

3. Moral Excellence/Godliness

- **2 Peter 1:5-6** - Live honorably and do what God would do
- School shows us it's not worth it to be immoral and godless. (**Proverbs 1:10-16**)

4. Knowledge

- **2 Peter 1:6** - Knowledge = gaining, retaining, and _____ information, insight, and skills.
- School teaches us how to think and learn. (**2 Peter 3:16; Matthew 22:37**)

5. Self-Control

- **2 Peter 1:6** - Self-control = restraining yourself from doing what you _____ to do so you can do what you need to do instead.
- School teaches us how to do things we don't want to do for a higher authority. (**Luke 9:23**)

6. Perseverance

- **2 Peter 1:6** - Perseverance = to keep going even when it gets so hard you want to give up
- School teaches us how to keep going even when we're _____, frustrated, and the goal seems unattainable. (**Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 10:35-36**)

7. Kindness/Love

- **2 Peter 1:7** - Treating others the way you want others to treat you.
- School teaches us it matters how we _____ people. (**Matthew 7:12; 22:39**)

Questions for H2H Discussion (Leaders please read 2 Peter 1:5-7 to start)

1. Parents, what are some ways you can help your kids/grandkids have a good attitude about school?
2. If your child/grandchild says he or she "hates school," what might be some underlying causes and solutions for that?
3. Which of the virtues in 2 Peter 1:5-7 (or perhaps another Christian virtue?) did school help you develop the most and how?
4. In what ways can school be dangerous to our faith that we need to be honest in warning our kids/grandkids about?

Announcements

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021

Please email all new announcements to announcements@psd.church.

MEMBER HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Patsy Holt** is really struggling with asthma flare-ups. Her doctor has her on steroid treatment to see if it helps.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

- **Patsy Holt's brother Philip** has been diagnosed with COVID. He's in a nursing facility, has been vaccinated, but is experiencing nausea and loss of appetite. He's been watching PSD livestream and enjoying it.
- **Patsy Holt's brother-in-law Wayne** gets his stitches out today. It'll take time for it to heal and to be able to use his hand again.
- **Tina Mallo-Hagen**, whom some of you know, passed away on August 9th. Her memorial service is Saturday, August 28th at 2 p.m. at the Starlight Baptist church 350 Hayes Rd. Winter Springs FL 32708

TRAVELING:

- **Emory and Angie Van Cleef** are in St. Augustine this weekend.
- **Jeff and Julia Hunt** are out of town this weekend.
- **Matt and Amy Hinely and kids** are on a three-month vacation and plan to return on October 20th.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pick up a magnet on your way out to remind you of the **9/11 Curriculum Meeting**.
- If you brought food to Jack and Joy over the last few weeks, you can pick up your tupperware on the bench in the corner of the foyer.

SHUT-IN:

- **Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Peggy Hunt, Thurman and Lynna Davis, Patsy Holt, and Pat Steele**

DATES TO NOTE:

Today	New H2H Session Begins, 6 weeks: July 25-September 4th
Saturday, Sept. 11	Bible class curriculum workshop: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 12	Elders, deacons, preacher's meeting 2:30 p.m.
Friday, October 1-3	Singing Workshop with Matt Dow, Fri, Sat, Sunday
Sunday, October 10	Next H2H Begins, 5 weeks: Oct. 10-November 20th



∞ Write the Bible Phrase ∞

Write the Bible phrase below.

Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, for the
----- Lord your God is with you wherever you go. -----

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Adapted from Joshua 1:9