

Means of Grace to Grow in Christ Once Born Again
(II Peter 1:1-12; Philippians 2:12-13)
[Read all Scripture listed]

To accomplish our growth, our part is to willfully & deliberately apply ourselves to the means of Grace by Faith (added below). God will not do our part. We must diligently and actively pursue the means of grace in obedience to Christ and not give into our feelings; and God will do the rest through our faith and trust in His Promises and the powerful transforming mercy and grace of the Holy Spirit living in us!!! AMEN & AMEN!!!

Means of Grace to Grow in Christ:

1. Read and Prayerfully Study the Scripture. (John 6:48-58; 8:31-32) Stay under the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you into all the truth as you listen, read and study (John 16:13-16). Read and Study the Scriptures to know Christ!!! Seek after Christ, Philippians 3:1-14).

1 Peter 1:23-2:6 "for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable

to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER STONE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

2Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

Psalms 119 (Whole Psalm - great prayer for the believer).

2. Develop a strong prayer life and worship God privately and corporately with fellow believers (John 4:21-24)! Depend on the Holy Spirit in you to help you to pray and worship. Read and follow our Lord's instructions for prayer and for the controlling power of the Holy Spirit in your life - Luke 11:1-13. Remember that God the Father is your Father now and you are His adopted child in Christ. In Christ we have the spirit of sonship (Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 3:24-29; Ephesians 1:1-14). Learn to Pray like a SON!!!
3. Stay in close fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ (Regularly attend and become active as a member of a church that preaches Christ - that He is Fully God and Fully man; that you must be born again by the work of the Holy Spirit alone to enter heaven; that, after the new birth, we must be conformed to Christ's image; and, that their Beliefs & Doctrines are consistent with the whole of Scripture.) Ask for their prayers and pray for them. Love and support them and accept their support and love for you (Hebrews 3:12-14, 10:23-39).
4. Witness and share Christ with others. Share what Christ has done in your life and that He can do the same in theirs.

(Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15).

- 5. Receive the sacraments - Baptism once when you are born again (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 9:17-18), and Communion often with the brethren in church (Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 11:23-30)!**