

G-R-O-W-I-N-G in Christ means...

We Grow in Grace

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## GRACE

“A growing Christian knows the gospel is rooted in God’s redeeming grace and is sustained and secured throughout life by His amazing grace.”

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But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

—2 Peter 3:18 ESV

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Grace is the source of all spiritual life and growth.

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...but man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.

—Job 5:7 ESV

Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble.

—Job 14:1 ESV

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<sup>7</sup>So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

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<sup>9</sup>But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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<sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.  
—2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV

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The Places We Need God's  
Sustaining Grace

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Places We Need God's Sustaining Grace  
In Persecution

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2 Corinthians 4:1, 8-10

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Matthew 5:11-12  
Acts 6:8-15  
2 Timothy 3:12  
1 Peter 4:16

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## 2 Corinthians 4:15-16

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## Places We Need God's Sustaining Grace In Temptation

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For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

—Galatians 5:17 ESV

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<sup>15</sup>For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV

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## Places We Need God's Sustaining Grace In Affliction

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I know, O LORD, that  
Your rules are righteous,  
and that in faithfulness  
You have afflicted me.  
—Psalm 119:75 ESV

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## The Purposes We Find in God's Sustaining Grace

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A disciple is not above his teacher,  
nor a servant above his master.  
—Matthew 10:24 ESV

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Purposes We Find in God's Sustaining Grace  
To teach us humility and dependency  
2 Corinthians 12:7

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Purposes We Find in God's Sustaining Grace  
To reveal the greater authority of the  
spiritual world over the material world

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Purposes We Find in God's Sustaining Grace  
To enable us to experience comfort so we  
may extend this same comfort to others

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Purposes We Find in God's Sustaining Grace  
To remind us we do not live by  
explanations, but by promises

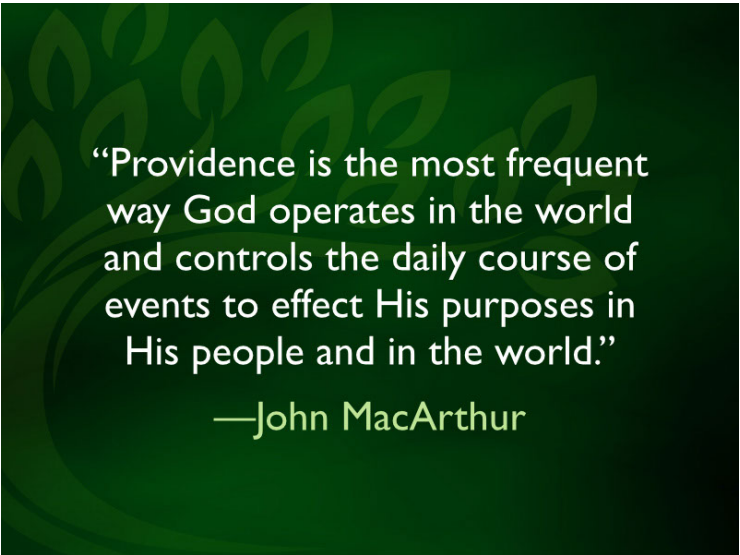
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Purposes We Find in God's Sustaining Grace  
To demonstrate that transformation  
is better than substitution

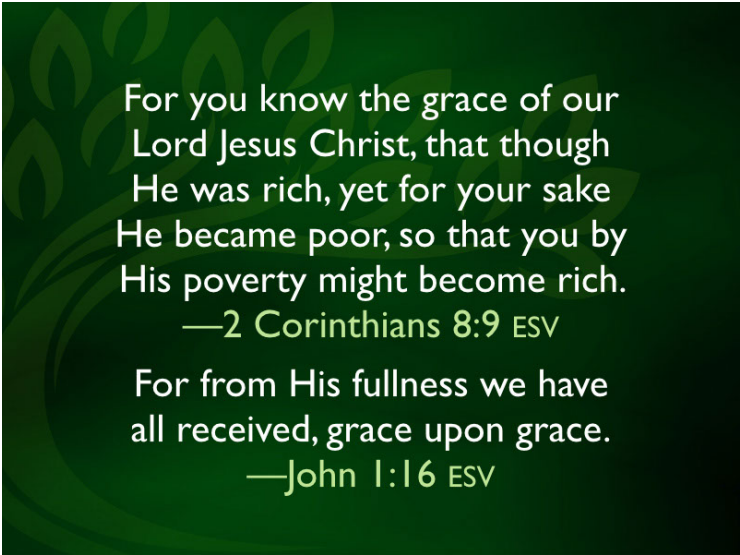
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“Providence is the most frequent  
way God operates in the world  
and controls the daily course of  
events to effect His purposes in  
His people and in the world.”

—John MacArthur

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For you know the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, that though  
He was rich, yet for your sake  
He became poor, so that you by  
His poverty might become rich.  
—2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

For from His fullness we have  
all received, grace upon grace.  
—John 1:16 ESV

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