

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH L.I.F.E BIBLE STUDY

Topical Study: GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL GRACE

SESSION SIX: Growing in GRACE (2 Pet. 3:18)

I. GRACE GROWS in COMMUNITY.

- A. **GRACE** grows in community – not just any community but the **COMMUNITY** of **FAITH**. (Gal. 6:10)
- B. We have created a “worldwide Body of Christians” where we can choose churches the way most people choose restaurants. (Ps. 34:8; John 14:6)
- C. **GRACE** does not Grow based upon “popularity reviews.” (Matt. 16:13-19)
- D. As an individual **GRACE** cannot GROW when we are wandering from **ONE COMMUNITY** to another. (John 9:1-5)
- E. **GRACE** grows in the most unlikely corners of the Church. (Rom. 5:20,21)

II. THE STEWARDSHIP of GRACE (1 Pet. 4: 8-11)

- A. **LOVE** each other **DEEPLY**. (1 Pet. 4:8)
- B. Offer **HOSPITALITY** to one another without grumbling. (1 Pet. 4:9)
- C. Use whatever **GIFT** you have received to **SERVE** others. (1 Pet. 4:10)
- D. What two gifts of **STEWARDSHIP** are mentioned in vs. 11?

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- 1. In other words, we **STEWARD** the grace we have received by the way we **SPEAK** and **ACT** toward others in the Church.
 - E. In Matt. 25:14-30, Jesus gives an illustration about **STEWARDSHIP** while mentioning “The parable of the Talents.”

“When GRACE GROWS, JOY INCREASES!”