

AMAZING GRACE!
“Growing in Grace!”

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2 Peter 3:18

“But that isn’t what you learned about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God....truly righteous and holy.” (Ephesians 4:20-24 NLT)

1. ***THROW*** OFF THE FORMER WAY OF LIFE. (V. 22)

A. Put Off ***Distortion***. (v. 25)

“So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body.”

B. Put Off ***Disturbance***. (vs. 26-27)

“And don’t sin by letting anger control you. Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.”

C. Put Off ***Dishonesty***. (v. 28)

“If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.”

D. Put Off ***Destruction***. (v. 29)

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

E. Put Off ***Darkness***. (vs. 30-31)

“And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.”

2. **PUT ON A NEW WAY OF LIFE:** (VS. 23-24)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come.” (I Cor. 5:17)

A. Put on **Grace**. (v. 32)

“Be kind to each other...”

B. Put on **Gentleness**. (v. 32)

“Tenderhearted.”

C. Put on **Generosity**. (v. 32)

“Forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” (Philippians 1:6 NLT)

“For it is God working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.” (Philippians 2:13 NLT)