

Grace To the Rescue
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Grace restores,
the broken pieces
fills in the cracks
smooths the creases.

Grace heals,
the heart that aches
mends the wounds
patches the scrapes.

Grace renews,
the mind unravelled
reinforces the thoughts
that have been tangled.

Grace reaffirms,
the soul wanting
provides the strength
brings the calming.

Grace restores,
heals and renews
Grace always comes
to our rescue!



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MISSION STATEMENT

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VISION

All Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (FPSAM), Inc. members will use the four pillars to establish and build their personal life and that of others.

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"Don't Accommodate Eliminate"

MOTTO

"Building on FOUR"

TEXT

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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1. How does the apostle Peter close his second epistle?

"But _____ in _____, and in the _____ of our Lord and Saviour Jesus _____." **2 Peter 3:18**

2. How may grace and peace be multiplied in believers?

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you _____ the _____ of _____, and of _____ our Lord." **2 Peter 1:2 (Relationship)**

3. What is implied in a knowledge of God and Jesus Christ?

"And *this is* _____ that they might **know** Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." **John 17:3**

4. By what may we be partakers of the divine nature?

"Whereby are given unto us _____ and _____: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." **2 Peter 1:4**

5. What graces are we to add in our character building?

"Add to your faith _____ [**courage**]; and to virtue _____; and to knowledge _____ [**self-control**]; and to temperance _____; and to patience _____; and to godliness _____; and to brotherly kindness _____." **2 Peter 1:5-7**

NOTES: *Faith* is the first round in the Christian ladder, the first step Godward. "He that cometh to God must **believe**." **Hebrews 11:6**. But an inoperative faith is useless. "**Faith** without **works** is dead." **James 2:20**. To be of value, there must be coupled with faith that **virtue**, or **courage of conviction**, which impels to **action**. To courage there needs to be added **knowledge**; otherwise, like the stumbling Jews, one may have a zeal, "but **not according to knowledge**." **Romans 10:2**. Fanaticism is the result of such courage, or zeal. **Knowledge, therefore, is an essential to healthy Christian growth**. To knowledge there needs to be added **temperance**, or **self-control-self-government**. See **Acts 24:25**, American Standard Version, and margin of Revised Version. To know to do good, and not do it, is as useless as is **faith** without **works**. See **James 4:17**. Instead of **temperance**, the Twentieth Century New Testament invariably says **self-control**. **Patience** naturally follows **temperance**. It is well-nigh impossible for an intemperate person to be **patience**. Having gained control of oneself, and become patience, one is in a condition to manifest **godliness**, or **God-likeness**.

NOTES: Having become godly, **kindness** toward the brethren, or brotherly **kindness**, naturally follows. **Charity**, or love for all, even our **enemies**, is the crowning grace, the highest step, the eighth round, in the Christian ladder.

The arrangement in this enumeration of graces is by no means accidental or haphazard, but logical and sequential, each following the other in natural, necessary order. The finger of Inspiration is seen here.

6. What is said of charity in the Scriptures?

"Charity _____ I _____, and is _____; . . . _____ no _____; rejoiceth _____ in _____, but _____ in the _____, beareth _____ things, _____ all _____, _____ all _____, _____ all _____." **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**. "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for _____ shall _____ the _____ of _____." **1 Peter 4:8**. "_____ covereth all _____." **Proverbs 10:12**.

7. What is charity called?

"And above all these things put on charity, which is *the bond of* _____." **Colossians 3:14**

8. What is the result of cultivating these eight graces?

"For if these things be in you, and abound, *they make* _____ that ye shall _____ be _____ nor _____ in the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ." **2 Peter 1:8**

Eight Graces: Giving all diligence, add to your: **Faith**, **Virtue**, **Knowledge**, **Temperance**, **Patience**, **Godliness**, **Brotherly kindness** and **Charity**. **2 Peter 1:5-7**

9. What is the condition of one who lacks these graces?

"But he that lacketh these things is _____, and _____ see afar _____, and hath _____ that he was _____ from his _____." **2 Peter 1:9**.

10. What is promised those who add grace to grace?

"If ye do these things, ye _____." **2 Peter 1:10**

