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Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

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A Message From Steve

Happy New Year!

The television is showing commercials for weight loss programs and exercise equipment, a sure sign that the new year is starting and that the thoughts of many people are turning toward making a new start in this new year. Losing weight and getting physically fit are important goals we should all set for ourselves and the new year is a perfect time to plan how we can better live that out. As important as these goals are, there is another, more important area of growth that many of us overlook. I wonder how many of us have set goals for how we might become more spiritually fit? The Apostle Peter wrote, "... *you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...*"

Peter was telling his followers, and us, that we need to grow, or progress in our understanding of God and how we should live in light of his grace in our lives. So perhaps we might wonder how we make that happen. The first thing we should understand is that our growing in grace is dependent on God, there is no way we can earn the growth. 2 Cor 3:18 says, "*And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*" We are being transformed by God into his likeness, it is God's work in us that makes the growth happen. If that is true, then why would we need to consider how we might set some goals for growing in grace?

It is true that our growth in grace is a gift from God and we are not able to grow on our own, but we can cooperate with God by carrying out some practices that would assist us in opening our lives to God's grace and we can add some knowledge to help us better utilize the grace we have been given.

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Answer: A and B (See Matthew 3:13-17)

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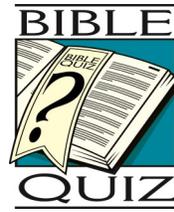
We need to seek to remove sin from our lives, to the extent that is possible for no one is perfect but we can resist sin and we can seek to remove it even if we will never be able to totally remove it from our lives. We can do this by “fixing our eyes on Jesus” and working to gain a better understanding of what he did for us on the cross while we ask for and seek his work in our lives to “perfect our faith.”

We will never be perfect, but we can, with God’s grace and our cooperation with God, continue to, “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” What are your plans to work with God in 2020 to help you grow? This is an important and often overlooked area of growth we all need in our lives and I want to urge you to spend some time in prayer and consideration how you might make a new start this new year so that you will be able to see growth in grace in your life.

Steve



Food Bank Deliveries
2nd Thursday of the month
January 9th 9:30 a.m.



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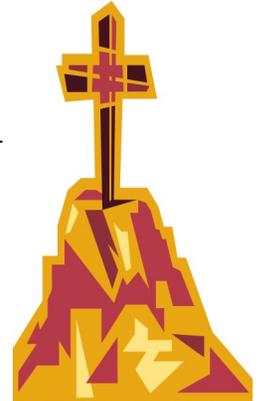
According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus’ baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus’ mother Mary
- D. His first disciples



Christian Symbol— Cross on the Rock

The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord, our strength and firm foundation. A cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example. “He alone is my rock and my salvation...” (Psalm 62:2, ESV).



Cowardice asks the question: Is it safe? Expediency asks the question: Is it politic? Vanity asks the question: Is it popular? But conscience asks the question: Is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular — but one must take it simply because it is right.

—Martin Luther King Jr.



The Good Samaritan Fund is low. Donations would be appreciated. This fund is to help our community in need. Be in prayer about extra giving for this worthy cause.

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Light breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Singing
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Our prayer list

Please include these people in your prayers this week: Paula Wilson, Kathy Haworth, Carolyn Simonsen, Juanita Lewis, Ingrid Cash, Gene Hester, and all care givers.

Remember: Our service men and women and their families.

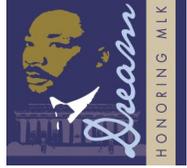
Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up... James 5: 12-14 NRSV



- Jan 4 Gene Hester, Kennedy Parsons
- Jan 8 Bettie Cable
- Jan 9 Meg Coker
- Jan 10 Ty Barnett
- Jan 12 Sandy Bull
- Jan 14 Grace Murphy
- Jan 15 Virginia Coker
- Jan 17 Pastoria Brown
- Jan 19 Edith Fish, Mike Hellack
- Jan 20 Jami Pullen
- Jan 22 Doug Coker, Jr.
- Jan 23 Jacob Cowan
- Jan 26 Rita England
- Jan 31 Bobby Hefley



- Jan 10 Tiajuana & Allen Dancil

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed  Worship Practice 6:30pm	2 Office Closed AA 6:30 pm	3 Office Closed	4
5 Communion Sunday 9:30 Light Breakfast 9:45 Singing 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	6 Prayer Group 10:00 am Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	7 Webelos 6:00pm AA 6:30 pm	8 Men's Bible Breakfast 7:00 am Worship Practice 6:30pm	9 Food Bank 9:00 am AA 6:30 pm	10 Office Closed	11
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