



Sharing God's Abundance in Love!

CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.

Day 9—Monday, January 15 2018

Prayer Focus—First Steps & Next Steps (Growth Track)

Abundant Grace

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:1-7 (ESV)

We try to fend for ourselves, in a material world, following the advice and plans of man rather than the plans and desires of God. In doing so, we feel hardship that eventually causes strain on our well-being and relationships with one another and God. Paul urges us to follow the path that God has called us to follow—setting aside our pride, prejudices, fears, and other “junk” while seeking the wisdom of God through immersion in his word and prayer, with and for one another.

We can't measure up to the perfect life of Jesus, but through his sacrifice we have been given grace with which we are saved and with which we are to lift one another up in Christian community. As we put aside our own reservations and open our lives up to Christian community, we become open to give and receive Godly counsel. It is through Christian community and Godly counseling that peace can be found and restored in our lives and in the life of our community.

We know as Christians that there is only one path to the Kingdom, through Jesus. The grace given to us by God through the sacrifice of Jesus allows us to find the path again, even after periods of wandering and the ability to help one another when we become lost.

Dear God, thank you for the grace that you have given us, so that even in times of confusion or misdirection, we may find our way back to you and the life you intend for us to live. Let us be the building blocks of your kingdom here on earth. Please help us to keep your mission above all of our own and speak through us when we don't have the words. Be with those that are lost and help them to make themselves known to other Christians, so we, as your mouth, hands, and feet here on earth, can help point their focus back to you. Please help us to inspire our congregation to further their knowledge of your plan and the community of which they are a part. Guide the leaders of our growth track program so that they may inspire those in attendance to grow in their faith and feel the inclusion and love of Christian community. Amen

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