

# Living the Grace Life

## Understanding the Responsibilities of a Saint of God

*"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;" – Colossians 1:10-11*

### 1. Stand fast in the liberty

- a. Be careful of the bondage – Gal 2:16, Rom 4:5, Eph 2:4-5
- b. Don't diminish the cross-work of Christ – Col 2:13, Gal 2:21 & 5:4
- c. With liberty comes responsibility – Gal 3:23-25 & 4:1-7, Eph 4:14, 1Cor 13:11

### 2. Maintain good works

- a. It's what we were created to do – Eph 2:10, Phi 3:14, Titus 2:14
- b. It's what God *expects* of us – Rom 6:6-7 & 22, 1Thes 4:7, Titus 2:7
- c. It's part of our job description (*see below*) – Eph 4:1, Phi 2:15, 2Cor 6:3, 2Tim 3:17 & 2:21

### 3. Look not at the things which are seen

- a. Understand who you are now (*and who you aren't*) – Rom 6:18, Gal 2:20, Eph 4:22
- b. Understand your new title – 2Cor 5:20, Col 3:1-3, Phi 3:20 & 1:23-24
- c. Understand your job description – 2Cor 5:18, Eph 3:9, 2Cor 4:2, Gal 6:1, Rom 14:19, 2Tim 2:24

### 4. Increase in the knowledge of God

- a. Avoid your natural inclination – Rom 1:25, 1Cor 8:1, Col 2:8
- b. Get in (and stay in) the book – 2Tim 2:15, 1Tim 1:3-7, 4:1-6 & 12-16, Col 3:16
- c. We will be judged by the [W]ord – John 12:48, Rom 14:12, 1Cor 3:13

### 5. Let us not be weary

- a. No one said it was going to be easy – 2Tim 2:1 & 3-4, Eph 6:11-17
- b. The world is an evil place – Gal 1:4, Luke 4:6, Rev 11:15
- c. Saints of God *can't* fit in (if they're really standing for the truth) – 2Cor 2:15-16, Phi 1:28-29
- d. It's often a lonely (and bumpy) road – Gal 6:20, 2Tim 3:2-14 & 4:10-11
- e. But, we have a greater hope – Rom 5:3-5 & 8:18 & 8:28 (see Eph 1:4-6), 2Cor 4:17 & 1:3-4, 1Thes 5:9