## **Growing in Grace**

God is a gardener at heart.

He can work suddenly and dramatically when He wants.

But more often, He seems to prefer to grow things.

He always does His work thoroughly, never rushing.

He grows *us*. He is right now growing *you*.

But what do the familiar words really mean, to "grow *in grace*"?

The phrase comes from 2 Peter 3:18:

Grow in the grace...of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (NASB).

God's grace is His abundant, undeserved provision for us.

Earlier in the same book, Peter specifies that

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life (NIV).

Wow! "Everything we need for a godly life".

Now that is grace!

Wouldn't you love to live every moment

in that freedom.

in His constant, complete supply?

How is that possible?

Not by some massive effort of self-control, but by learning to trust Him moment by moment, need by need.

As we do, we grow more and more in His grace,

depending more and more simply on the unceasing flow of His Spirit.

**Hymn:** Growing in Grace

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