God Forever

Becoming Strong in Grace
Titus 3:3-7
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2 Timothy 2:1
You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

"Repent and believe the Good News!"

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At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived, and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us

generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

How do you grow strong in the grace of God?

1. Be honest about your human condition.
2. Grasp the sufficiency of God's grace.

Grace is not something God has, grace is who God is.

Romans 5:20
Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more.

The grace of God is *undeserved*.
The grace of God is *unconditional*.
The grace of God is *free*.
The grace of God is *liberating*.
The grace of God is *sufficient*.

"Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more—no amount of spiritual calisthenics and renunciations, no amount of knowledge gained from seminaries and divinity schools, no amount of crusading on behalf of righteous causes. And grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less—no amount of racism or pride or pornography or adultery or even murder. Grace means that God already loves us as much as an infinite God can possibly love."

- Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*