BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

THEME 2008: *...THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER...*

TOPIC: ***GROW IN GRACE***

2nd MARCH, 2008

Memory verse - But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

II Pt. 3:18

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Don't get anxious yet about last weeks study. Because it is not by power or by might but by God's Spirit (Zech. 4:6) and it is God that works in us unto his good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). The life we live that is, the life of the Spirit, we live by grace.

The Spirit came to us by grace (Jn. 1:17) that is if we understand that the second comforter would not have come without the first (Jn. 14:16-17) and this second comforter is the very Spirit of grace (Heb. 10:29). It is this same Spirit that sustains us in our walk with God (Rom. 8:11).

But grace is not a constant; we are expected to grow in him (II Pt. 3:18). We grow by the Word (I Pt. 2:2). That is why God's word admonishes us to study (II Tim. 2:15). By studying, we learn and appreciate higher dimensions and understanding of the content of God's word (Jn. 5:39).

The whole purpose of Spiritual gifts is to open and offer to us insights into the deep things of God (Eph. 4:11-15). Notice that these are not titular expressions but the resources of heaven for our earthly walk. It takes a man who is able to identify, appreciate, and utilize these gifts to grow (Pr. 22:29)