

SUPER-GRACE (Charis) [Part 3]

In our last Bible study, we covered how God's grace works in **stages 1 and 2** of spiritual growth.

In this study, we will cover how God's grace works in **stages 3 and 4 of spiritual growth.**

1. Stage three (teknon) [spiritually immature adult] (Gal.4:19; 2 Tim.2:1)

- a. Needs basic meat doctrines of the Christian Way of Life (CWL) (Heb.5:14).
(**2 Tim.2:1**) "You therefore, my son (**teknon**), be strong (endunamoo/ p.m.impv.2ps) **in the grace** that is in Christ Jesus." (1 Pet.1:14) (Be strong - Eph.6:10; Rom.14-15)

In **1 Pet.1:10-16**, Peter gave three points important to spiritual growth development of stage 3.

- 1st - At stage 3, it is important to understand the prophetic gospel of the OC fulfilled historically by Jesus Christ (1 Pet.1:10-12; Rom.5:1-2; Gal.3:8; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Isa.53:13-53:12; Ps.22; 16:10).
- 2nd - Consistent inhale and exhale of the word of God is important to stage 3 (1 Pet.1:13; 2 Tim.3:16-17; Eph.6:17/ AC).
- 3rd - Consistent spirituality and breaking the cycle of carnality in CWL is important to stage 3 (1 Pet.1:14-16; James 1:14-15; Gal.5:16-17; Rom.13:13-14; 1 Pet.2:11).

The **writer of Hebrews** points out two things every of believer should learn about his priesthood by stage 3 from **Heb.4:14-16/** 1 Pet.2:5, 9; Rev.1:6; 2 Cor.3:4-6).

- 1st - His priestly confession of New Covenant (NC) priesthood after the high priesthood of Jesus Christ (4:14-15; Heb.5-10).
- 2nd - His NC priestly confidence to approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace in time of need (eukairos boetheia/ to come to the aid/ timely help) (**Heb.4:16**; 1 John 3:21-24; 5:14-15)

Peter closed the book of 2 Peter with a warning that is important for every stage of spiritual growth in 2Pet.3:16-18.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (3:18)

2. Stage four (teleios) [spiritually mature adult] (Eph.4:13; Phil.3:12-16)

- a. Needs Advance meat doctrines for the Christian Way of Life (CWL) (Heb.5:14).

Once the CAB believer reaches spiritual growth maturity of stage 4, he has the responsibility to maintain this level of inhale and exhale of CBD (2 Tim.3:16-17; 2 Pet.3:17-18; 2 Thess.1:3).

You will recall our earlier study of the three prepositional phrases that outline three phases of stage 4 spiritual growth in **Eph.4:13/** 4:11-16/ one Greek sentence).

- Phase 1 - “To the unity of the faith and of the Son of God” – Reaching stage 4 (Heb.6:1)
- Phase 2 - “To a mature man” – Maintaining stage 4 (Col.1:28-29)
- Phase 3 - “To the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” – Super-grace (Rom.8:29)

Maintaining super-grace status until dying grace is the goal of stage 4 (Phil.3:11-16).

(2 Cor.9:8) “And **God is able** to make all grace abound to you, so that always having **all sufficiency in everything; you may have abundance for everything.**”

At super-grace status, the CAB has the capacity for maximum blessings and testing; (Eph.1:7-8) (1 Tim.1:14; 2 Cor.12:7-10).