

MBabane Alliance Church



***A RELEVANT CHURCH WITH
RELEVANT LEADERSHIP
IN THE 21ST CENTURY &
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MOVING ... FORWARD ... TOGETHER ...

STATEMENT FOR 2018



**“Grow in Grace,
Grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ”**

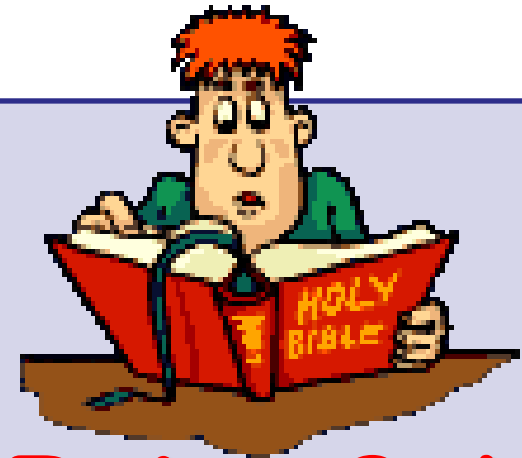


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GROW IN GRACE



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- “Grace is God’s power coming to us free of charge, enabling us to do what we could not do on our own no matter how much struggle we would put into it” - **Joyce Meyer.**

- 1. Common (general, universal) grace.**
- 2. Special (saving, generating) grace.**

1. COMMON GRACE.

- 🔥 Common to all mankind.
- 🔥 Benefits experienced by the whole human race without discrimination.

⇒ The order of creation reflects the mind and care of the creator who sustains what he has in **Matthew 5:45**.

so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

⇒ **Another aspect of common grace is evident in the divine government or control of human society.**



It is due to common grace that man retains within himself a consciousness of the difference between right and wrong, truth and falsehood, justice and injustice, and the awareness that he is answerable or accountable not merely to his fellow men but also ultimately to God, his maker.

- ✓ **To common grace, then, we must thankfully attribute God's continuing care for His creation, as He provides for the needs of His creatures, restrains human society from becoming altogether intolerable and ungovernable, and makes it possible for mankind, though fallen to live together in a generally orderly and cooperative manner, to show spiritual, and to cultivate together the scientific, cultural and economic pursuits of civilization.**

2. SPECIAL GRACE.

- ✧ This is the grace by which God redeems, sanctifies and glorifies His people.
- ✧ Special grace is bestowed only on those whom God elects to eternal life through faith in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

✧ **God's regenerating grace is dynamic - does not only saves but also transforms and revitalizes those whose lives were previously broken and meaningless.**



1 Corinthians 15:10.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me.

ASPECTS OF GRACE.

- 1. Prevenient grace.**
- 2. Efficacious grace.**
- 3. Irresistible grace.**
- 4. Sufficient grace.**

1. PREVENIENT GRACE IS GRACE THAT COME FIRST.

- It is grace that precedes all human decision and endeavor.**
- Grace always mean, it is God who takes the initiative and implies the priority of God's action on behalf of needy sinners.**

- **It does not start with us, it starts with God; it is not earned or merited by us, it is freely and lovingly given to us who have no resources or deserving of our own.**

 **1 John 4:10,19.**

 **Romans 5:8,10.**

 **2 Corinthians 8:9.**

 **Romans 5:6.**

2. EFFICACIOUS GRACE IS GRACE WHICH EFFECTS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS GIVEN.

- ❖ What God purposes and performs can not fail or come to nothing otherwise He is not God.**

- **The indefectibility of redeeming grace is seen not only in the turning of sinners from darkness to light but also in the bringing of them to the consummation of eternal glory.**

 **John 6:37-39.**

 **John 17:2,6,9,12,24.**

 **John 10:27-28.**

 **2 Corinthians 5:18,21.**

 **Romans 8:29-30.**

 **2 Timothy 2:19.**

 **Philippians 1:6.**

 **1 Corinthians 15:10.**

3. IRRESISTIBLE GRACE IS GRACE THAT CANNOT BE REJECTED.

- **The conception of irresistibility of special grace is closely bound up with what has been said above concerning the efficacious nature of God's grace.**

- **As creation was irresistibly effected through the all-powerful word and will of God, so also the new creation in Christ irresistibly effected through that all-powerful word and will.**

- **The creator God is one and the same with the Redeemer God.**



Genesis 1:3-5.



2 Corinthians 4:6.

4. SUFFICIENT GRACE IS GRACE THAT IS ADEQUATE FOR THE SAVING OF THE BELIEVER HERE AND NOW AND HEREAFTER TO ALL ETERNITY.

- **As with the other aspects of grace of special grace, its sufficiency flows from the infinite power and goodness of God.**

➤ **He saves “fully.”**

 **Hebrews 7:25**

➤ **He cleanses “all.”**

 **1 John 1:9**

➤ **Atoning sacrifice for the “whole.”**

 **1 John 2:2**

➤ **Sufficient for “us.”**

 **2 Corinthians 12:9**