

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH Growing Believer's Class

The Believer's Toolbox – Part I

Seven tools in toolbox:

To be covered this session:

- Filling of the Holy Spirit
- Claiming God's Promises
- Resting in Faith

To be covered later:

- Relaxed Mental Attitude
- Agape Love
- Genuine Humility
- Grace System of Comprehension

Tool 1: Restoration to Fellowship – 1st John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

When we confess our sins:

- The Father is justified in forgiving our sins based on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- He also cleanses us from all unrighteousness—unknown or forgotten sins.
- He is faithful—He will always do this, BUT ...
- God will not forgive deliberately unconfessed sin—He will punish deliberate abuse of His grace.
- We must keep short accounts with God.

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Tool 2: Claiming God's Promises

- Fear, anxiety & worry shut down critical thinking and allow unrestrained emotions to take over.
- The believer must regain control of his mind—he does this by claiming the promises of God.
- God wants us to become spiritually self-sustaining.
- New believers must learn these skills in the environment of the local church

– Isa. 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

– Prov. 3:5, 6

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

– Deut. 31:8

“The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

– 1 Pet. 5:6, 7

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you.”

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Tool 3: Resting in Faith

- God expects us to live by faith.
- When we don't He is disappointed in us.
- Jesus is the source of faith—[Heb. 12:2](#); [Rom. 12:3](#).
- “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”—Heb. 11:1
- Faith is characterized by *action*.
- The difference between belief and faith is the willingness to *act on faith*.
- Faith is not natural to man—it is a divine gift.
- Belief is absolute—but faith is relative.
- Sometimes we don't have enough faith—[Mark 9:24](#); [Luke 17:5](#)
- We want to trust only our personal experience, but God wants us to trust *Him*—Prov. 3:5 –
“*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding!*”

God gives the ability to trust in faith, and the scripture tells us how. When we study His Word consistently, we think more like Him, which increases our faith. Faith is *belief* put into *action*, and wisdom is developed, allowing us to know when to act, and when to rest in faith.

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Tool 3: Resting in Faith (continued)

- God gives us the ability to trust Him in faith:
 - [Rom. 12:3](#):
“... God has allotted to each a measure of faith ...”
 - Phil. 4:19:
“*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus ...*”
- Scripture tells us how to get that faith:
 - Rom. 10:17:
“*So faith comes from hearing [the proclaiming of the Word], and hearing by the word of Christ [in the pages of Scripture].*”
- When we study the word consistently our thinking becomes more and more like His thinking.
- And as we begin to think like Him, our faith increases.
- Faith is belief put into action—[Hebrews 11](#).
- Wisdom is knowing when to act, and when to Rest in Faith. Only saturation with God's Word gives you that wisdom.

Reading Assignment:

- Book (at the back of the church): “*The Believer's Toolbox*”
- Scripture: [Hebrews Chapter 11](#)