

Coming short (fail) of the Grace of God Heb 12:14-17

1. Pursue peace and holiness

- **Follow peace with all men (12)**

Follow- pursue, press forward

Rom 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men.

- **Follow holiness (12)**

Live in peace with a holy God

(12) We will not “see” God without the cleansing of salvation and separation (holiness) to God

“Holy” means set apart to God.

John 14:21 He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and **I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.** (“see God”)

I Cor 7: 1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

God provides GRACE for holy living.

2. Pursue diligently the finish line: the Grace of God

- **Be ever diligent not to come short of the Grace of God**

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

- Coming short of trusting the Grace of God alone

- We come short of grace when we try to be self-righteous

- We are called to Trust completely in Him (resting in His grace) (His finished work)

- We are called to Trust exclusively (grace + nothing)

What else can cause us to come short of the Grace of God?

3. Prevent a root of bitterness: trouble you, defile you (Deut 29:18)

“...root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled”

Bitterness = resentment, ingratitude, anger, ongoing offence, blame

Forgive others

Forgive _____

Find forgiveness for yourself