

# GraceNotes

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## GROWING IN GRACE

### “FACING THE FUTURE (before it gets here) WITH AN ‘AMEN’ ”

2025 A.D. ....Twenty-five years into the new millennium; one quarter of the way through the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Who knows what challenges lie in store? No one but God. And He wouldn't lead us to those challenges without leading us through them. He has already prepared the way and appropriated what we need, when we need it. Confidence about that is called faith. It's what keeps us moving forward with settled conviction that everyone and everything all the time are subject to God's sovereign will. Moreover, it's the truth in which our very souls can find rest and comfort for the times ahead. To be sure, God's Sovereignty is the Christian's 'Doctrine of Rest.'

When God's people were facing a Babylonian captivity of seventy years, hearts were heavy and spirits were broken. The future looked bleak. Despair and despondency ruled the day. The people said, *“We hung up our harps....How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?”* (Ps. 137:2b, 4a). But through Jeremiah the Prophet, God delivered this encouraging word: *“I know the plans I have for you; plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope”* (Jeremiah 29:11). “A future and a hope” is God's promise to His people, and the promise remains unchanged for us to face 2025 and beyond.

As we continue GROWING IN GRACE may our faith be fortified to face the future with the assurance of God's abiding watch-care. And let us be reminded that the promises of God are always fulfilled in and through Jesus. As Paul says in I Corinthians 1:20, *“As many as are the promises of God, in Christ, they are ‘Yes;’ therefore, also through Him is our ‘Amen’ to the glory of God.”* It is in lockstep with Jesus we can begin 2025 with “The Lord's song” to say, even now.....

“Yes and Amen,”

*Ed*