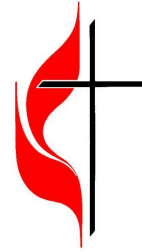


United Methodist Beliefs



Wesleyan Quadrilateral

1. Scripture is primary
2. We interpret scripture in the light of church tradition, reason, and personal experience

Grace –

- ♥ God's active presence in our lives.
 - ♥ The love and mercy given to us by God because God wants us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it.
 - ♥ Gift
 - ♥ Always there
 - ♥ Can be accepted or rejected
1. Prevenient Grace
 - ♥ Grace that is present before we even accept it.
 - ♥ God seeks us.
 2. Justifying Grace
 - ♥ We don't have to do anything to earn God's love.
 - ♥ This is our response in faith.
 - ♥ A time of repentance and acceptance
 - ♥ Conversion is turning from one thing to another. It may be sudden or gradual.
 3. Sanctifying Grace
 - ♥ Ongoing transformation of our lives by God
 - ♥ Moving on to perfection (being made perfect in our love for God and each other and removing our desire to sin)

Practical Divinity

- ♥ Christian living
- ♥ Putting faith and love into action.
- ♥ Good works are a response to God's grace – not a way to earn it
- ♥ Social gospel

Questions:

1. What are some "red flags" to look for when selecting curriculum that point to a doctrine that is contrary to United Methodism?
2. How can you adapt those red flag teachings to coincide with United Methodist teachings?