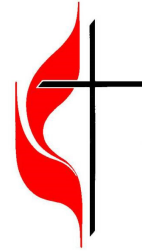


## United Methodist Beliefs



### 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?