

“Growing in Grace and Knowledge”

2 Peter 1:1-11

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Sermon Notes

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In this text (2 Peter 1:1-11), Peter is showing us the importance of growing in the “grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:12). Too many of us are content being Christians who are simply happy to not go to Hell. Peter is charging us to not only “stand firm in this grace” (1 Peter 5:18), but also to continually GROW in it!

- 1 Peter 5:12 (add the verse)
- 2 Peter 3:18 (add the verse)
- “Too many Christians are content simply with being Christian, happy to know they won’t go to hell.”
- Growth Begins with a Faith Foundation
 - 2 Peter 1:1-2
- God has provided resources for growth
 - 2 Peter 1:3-4
- Believer’s responsibility for growth
 - 2 Peter 1:5-7
- The results of our choices
 - 2 Peter 1:8-9
- Importance for Godly Growth
 - 2 Peter 1:10-11
- **Discussion Questions**
 - Peter mentions several resources in the first four verses? What were they and how have you taken advantage of these gifts?
 - Your individual growth affects the broader church. How is your growth affecting others? What community contexts are close enough to see this growth?
 - Have you “made any effort” to grow recently?
 - Collectively decide on a quality.

- How did Jesus model this quality? Any other scripture mention this?
 - What does it look like when I fail? Discern what the opposite of this quality looks like.
 - Practically/Personally -- What does it look like for YOU to grow in this?
- Review 2 Peter 1:8. Why is fruitfulness such an important character quality? How do we become fruitful? How do you grow in fruitfulness? What is God's job in this process? What actions are necessary on your part?