

GROW IN
THE
GRACE &
KNOWLEDGE
OF
OUR **LORD**
& SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST

2 Peter 3:18

2 PETER
FAMOUS LAST WORDS



2 P E T E R

2 Peter 3:14-18 Famous Last Words



Series on 2 Peter

- Last Letter to the church
- You Have.....
 - Divine Power for Life
 - Divine Promise to Count on
 - Divine Nature in You
- Make every effort, strive to grow
- Specific about adding to your belief action
- Encouragement to strive to live up to...

Last Week – The Day of the Lord

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¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶ as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

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¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

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1. Since you are waiting...

- return of Christ a fact
- destruction of this, new heaven & earth

a) Diligent to Prepare

- be expectant – keep in mind...
- be found without spot or blemish
 - practice repentance, short accounts
- be at peace
 - knowing & trusting divine promise

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b) Diligent to Witness vs.15

- God knows your time & place
- vs. 9 “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”
- Romans 2:4 “Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”
- you are a ‘light’, ‘ambassador’
- God has chosen to use us

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2. Let Inspired Scripture Guide You

- reminded of vs.1-2 “...I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles”

- reminded of 1:19-21 “And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

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- establishing clear support for Paul
 - Peter – ministry to Jews
 - Paul – ministry to Gentiles
- a) there will be concepts to wrestle with
 - faith & works
 - freedom & obedience
 - license & self denial (others first)
- * don't build your practice on exceptions
- * seek the whole council of God
- * Holy Spirit illumines and reveals
- * character & fruit are indicators

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b) There will be wrong interpretations

- difficult concepts twisted by:
 - ignorant teachers
 - unstable teachers

c) Can Lead to Destruction

- James 3:1 “Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness”
- Peter uses word 2:1-3, 3:7, 3:16
- careful who you grant influence to

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3. Beloved – Guard yourself and Grow

a) beloved be careful

- beloved be reminded 3:1-2
- beloved be informed 3:8
- beloved be diligent 3:14
- beloved be careful 3:17
- carried away with the error of lawless
- lose your stability

*not called to be defensive in posture alone
but to...

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b) best defence is to Grow

- action that reflects intention
- look after the conditions for growth
- discipline yourself

c) grow in the Grace of Jesus

- mercy – not receiving what I do deserve
- grace – receiving what I have not earned or deserve
- 2 Peter 1:5-7 – make every effort to add to your faith...

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- grace helps us endure – 2 Cor. 12:7-10
- vs.9 “But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”
- grace enables generosity – 2 Cor. 8:1
- grace is the gift to the humble
- James 4:6 “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

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d) grow in the knowledge of Jesus

- intellectually
 - study the word, under sound teaching, learn from others
- experience Christ
 - divine nature in you
 - participating in works prepared
 - practice obedience to information
 - journal, hear the stories



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So What?

1. The Time is Yours to Use

a) preparing well

- repentance, divine promise, peace

b) be ready

- expectant, watching, not distracted

c) be a witness

- prepared to give an answer for the hope that resides in you
- how will they hear if no one goes?

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2. Scripture is God's revelation to us

- useful in teaching, correcting, guiding

a) not always easy – wrestle with it

b) illumined by Holy Spirit – divine nature

c) be careful who you give influence to

3. Beloved – Grow

a) be careful and know the dangers

b) grow in knowledge

c) grow in grace