

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

2 Peter 3:18

2 PETER
GROWING GOD'S WAY





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Series – 2 Peter

Author – Peter

- in jail awaiting execution
- knew the highs and lows
- experienced what he shares

Written to – The Church

- brothers and sisters of equal standing

Desire – Grace and Peace Multiplied to you

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Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

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⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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1. God Provides...

a) divine power

- 'for all things pertaining to life and Godliness'
- Peter knew good intentions & failure
- Peter knew new power in Holy Spirit
- Peter knew conflict in living out faith
- Peter knew opposition to Christianity
- ability to live up to who we already are in Christ ours – God provides divine power for holy living!

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b) Clear Purpose

- 'through the knowledge of him'
- word used 13 times in short book
- not simple intellectual information
- living participation – active knowledge of those that know about God, the work of God and the wonder of God. Touched and changed – experiencing it
- role of the Spirit and scripture
- reflect the 'glory and excellence'

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c) clear promise

- very clear in scripture the promises of God to his children
- personal favorites:
 - forgive us, cleanse us
 - replace worries with peace
 - provide for and protect me
 - gift me and use me
 - take what could be destructive and redeem it for His Glory
- through his promises, we become partakers of divine nature

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- look at the contrast in vs 4
 - escaped corruption brought by sinful desires
 - desire to:
 - be significant – world says.....
 - be happy – world says.....
 - be satisfied – world says.....
 - be loved – world says.....
 - God promises to give me all these things – need to know His promise keep it in focus
- * Where your heart is there is your treasure

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2. For This Reason...

- knowing the divine power, purpose & promise of God...

a) make every effort

- KJV, giving all diligence, add to your faith

- not – earn your spot. Saved by grace through faith

- is – live up to who you are. You have a part to play in this calling

- takes intentional effort



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b) supplement your faith

- word 'add generously to', supply generously'
- idea – continue to grow, bear fruit, that it is ongoing and continuous in the life of the believer.
- if you have faith – supplement it with active participation experiencing God at work

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3. Create an Environment where...

- greenhouse picture
 - protects
 - provides
 - produces
- a) faith with virtue
- b) virtue with knowledge
- c) knowledge with self control
 - Prov. 25:28 “A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.”

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d) self control with steadfastness

e) steadfastness with Godliness

f) Godliness with brotherly affection

- see 1 Peter 1:22, Heb. 13:1, Rom. 12:10

g) brotherly affection with Love

- see 1 Cor. 13, Gal. 5:22, Rom. 5:5

4. Growth Bears Results

- vs. 8 “For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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So What?

1. God Has Provided
 - Divine Power, Purpose & Promise
2. We Need to respond
 - accept and place trust in
 - make every effort to – live in a manner we can experience God's provision, participating with him
 - supplement – continue to grow
3. Look at the list and ask God to reveal how you can change the environment of your life to grow as He desires