



Farewell

2 Peter 3:18

A sad verse. Jn.21:16-17

Peter's last written words (1:12-15)

He has said enough; must leave
it with them

2 Peter 3:18 – militant

Souls at stake, ch.1.

Salvation under attack, ch.2.

Strength called for, ch.3.



I. GROW

Grow! A present tense command

1 Pt.2:2, like a baby

1. How? 2 Pt.1:2, 5-8, 11

2. Why? 2 Pt.3:17

Carried away, cause one to
go astray in unbelief.

Jesus to apostles: Go!

Apostles to us: Grow!

- Eph.4:13-15
 - Goal: Christ
 - Ph.3:12: lifetime effort
 - 1 Pt.2:21: follow Him

Jesus to apostles: Go!

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- Eph.4:13-15
- 1 Th.3:12: And may the Lord make you **increase** and **abound** in love to one another and to all, **just as we do** to you.

Jesus to apostles: Go!

Apostles to us: Grow!

- Eph.4:13-15
- 1 Th.3:12
- Hb.6:1: **Therefore, leaving** the discussion of the **elementary** principles of Christ, let us go on to **perfection, not laying again** the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God...



I. GROW

II. GRACE

2 Peter 1:2, favor of God

- Mt.3:17, pleased with Son...
- Lk.2:40, favor of God
- 2 Pt.3:18, God increasingly pleased as we grow...
 - V.16, confused with sin / error

twist, wrench dislocated limbs for purpose of setting, & of tortuous devices in course of inquiries; the rack. Josephus Wars 7.373

2 Peter 1:2, favor of God

‘Conversion for the early Christians was not a destination; it was the beginning of a journey.... In [the early church] faith was for each believer a beginning, not a bed in which to lie while waiting for the Lord’s triumph. Believing was not a once-done act. It was an attitude of heart and mind which inspired and enabled the believer to follow the Lord wherever He went’ – Tozer



I. GROW

II. GRACE

III. KNOWLEDGE

2 Peter 3:18

but grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹Grace and ²Knowledge are taken
with 'of the Lord...'

Knowledge is theme word of 2 Peter
(1:5; 2:20; 3:18)

We grow in His favor as we grow in obedient knowledge of Christ

- Those who quit growing are infants: exposed to dangers, disease, death

Child without discipline: delinquent.

Child grows by accepting graceful gifts of parents (food, clothing, med. care...)

God places great importance on truth and sound doctrine. 2 Pt.1:12

Established in present truth (2 Pt.1:12)

Fix firmly in a place – BDAG.

Cause someone to become stronger
in the sense of more firm and
unchanging in attitude or belief – L-N.

- Who grows without time and effort?
- Labor of love is joy, not labor
- We grow as much as we want. Mt.5:6
- Mt.25, given grace...

Established in present truth

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus – 2 Tim.2:1

- Our faith, hope, love either grows or shrinks.
- If it grows, it changes us.

Grace that saves from sin
also sanctifies



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IV. OF THE LORD

Lord: Authority, power, rule;
of eternal significance

- Some know Book, not Author.
- We cannot know Author without Book.

• 1 Pt.2:2 . . . 21

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III. OF THE LORD

V. SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Jesus: Mt.1:22

Christ: fulfillment of
Messianic prophecies

- To Him be the glory...
- Chapter 3 begins with creation (4), ends with day of eternity.

Best indicator of spiritual growth: way we live

We grow in grace by daily ¹learning His will and ²living the virtues in the Word

2 Co.13:5, Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Our spiritual examination is . . .

1. **Inward:** spiritual attitude / actions.
1 Sm.2:26.
2. **Outward:** unselfishness, good works,
teach others, love brethren. 2 Th.
1:3.
3. **Upward:** steadfast desire to please
God. 2 Co.5:9.
4. **Downward:** rooted, established in
Christ, like well-rooted tree. Col.2:7.