



Teaching Notes: Daren Dirksen
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"The God You Long For"

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2 Peter 1:1-11 Fellowship w/ God p2

Peter writes a letter to the church right before he is about to be put to death for his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He yearns for what he has to say to resonate throughout the church. His desire is for Christians to grow (1:2, 3:18).

I. Why do we grow? (vv 1-7)

A. There is a change in our standing (v 1) (Jerm. 23:6, 1 Cor. 1:30-31)

We are made positionally clean.

B. There is a change in our state (vv 2-7) (Rom 6:6,14, Col. 1:29, Phil 2:12-13, 1 peter 1:16-19, Lev. 20:7-8)

We are being made practically clean.

1. Virtue
2. Knowledge
3. Self control
4. Steadfastness
5. Godliness
6. Brotherly affection
7. Love

II. How do we grow? (vv 8-11)

remember the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (prov. 24:16)

To "remember" in the Bible is to bring something you know in your head to the center of your consciousness so that it dominates your behavior.

***recommended reading:** "The Westminster Confession of Faith" -- Chapters 9 (of free will), 11(Of Justification), 13(of sanctification)

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Growing

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- Read 2 Peter 1:1-11 What do verses 1-2 tell us about the relationship between the writer and the readers of this letter? What does it tell you about **their standing** with God (Jer 23:6, 1 Cor. 1:30-31)?
- In verse 3 both right knowledge of Jesus and right living are a part of the growing Christian life. What happens if there is not balance and one area is weak?
- Verse 3 says we have everything we need to finish our journey home to be with Him. Take time to share some of those needs He has met already in your life?
- What kind of **state of nature** does Christ's power and promises give to those who accept Him? (vv1-4) (Col 1:29, 1 Pet 1:16-19)
- Because of Gods promises Christians may participate in the divine nature and escape corruption. What is expected of believers to do to nurture their own holy living?(5-7) What stands out to you regarding this cluster of qualities?
- How are right knowledge of Jesus and right living related to each other in vv 8-9?
- What is the secret to growth in v 9? What does this tell us about God and why is this effective for our growth?
- What would the early Christian creed, "Jesus Christ is Lord" have meant to the first century Christian? What does it mean to you that Jesus is both Savior and Lord?