



“Unfinished: A Work in Progress” 2 Peter 1:3-11

There is a difference between knowing about God and truly knowing God. One of the marks of truly knowing God is spiritual growth. The whole book of 2 Peter is all about spiritual growth. 2 Peter 1:2, 3:18

What do we need to grow spiritually?

- God’s Power v3; Rom8:11
- God’s Promises v4
- Our Perseverance vv5-7; Phil2:12-13

Why do we need to continue to grow spiritually?

It will keep us from being... v8

- Ineffective = (Gr.) lazy, shunning the labor which one ought to perform. 1Cor9:25-27
- Unfruitful = (Gr.) barren, not yielding what it ought to yield. Gal5:22-23

What keeps us from growing spiritually?

- Gospel Amnesia: Forgetting your Justification in Christ. v9; Ps103; Pro29:18; Isa. 51:12

What will be the results of spiritual growth?

- It will Confirm your calling and election. v10a; 1John5:13
- You will never fatally fall. v10b; 1John1:8-9; Pro24:16
- You will hear from Christ “well done, good and faithful servant.” v11; Matt7:23; Matt25:23; Isa49:15-16

Growing Notes

- 1) What is the difference between knowing about God and truly knowing God? Why do you think that one of the marks of truly knowing God is spiritual growth (2Pet1:2, 3:18)? Christianity is not a claim that we are sinless but a claim that we are sinful and desperately need a Savior. Explain.
- 2) Read 2 Peter 1:3-11. What three things do we need to grow (vv3-7)? Why do you think that our encounter with Christ can be as life changing as it was for Peter (v3)? How does Peter describe the God’s promises and what will they produce in us (v4)? What is our part in spiritual growth (vv5-7; Phil2:12-13)?
- 3) Why do we need to continue to grow (v8)? What does it mean to be ineffective (1Cor9:25-27) and unfruitful (Gal5:22-23)? You can pile up moral deeds and religious activities (mechanical growth) not be actually growing wiser, deeper and stronger in Christ. Explain.
- 4) What keeps us from growing spiritually (v9)? How does Gospel amnesia keep us from growing (Isa51:12)? To remember is to have a life controlling consciousness of something. How do we bring Gospel truths down into the center of our consciousness so that it dominates our behavior?
- 5) What three results come from spiritual growth (vv10-11)? Why do you think spiritual growth will validate and give evidence that you have a real faith (v10a)? What does it mean if you continue to grow spiritually, you will never fatally fall (v10b; Pro24:16)? If we continue to grow spiritually, what will we eventually hear our Savior say (v11; Matt25:23)? What is God speaking to you from this text? Pray that db is fertile soil for spiritual growth.

