

I & 2 PETER – LESSON 7

VII. GROWING IN GOD’S GRACE (2 Peter 1)

- A. Peters’ salutation of grace and peace (1:1-2)
- B. Growth in God’s grace ends with rich entrance into the eternal kingdom (1:3-11).
 - 1. God’s power has provided all that is needed for spiritual growth.
 - 2. Diligent effort should be directed toward seven areas of the Christian’s character:
 - a. Virtue
 - b. Knowledge
 - c. Self-Control
 - d. Patience
 - e. Godliness
 - f. Brotherly Kindness
 - g. Love
 - 3. Growth keeps the Christian from stumbling.
- C. Growth in God’s grace demands reminders of important objective truths (1:12-21).
 - 1. Peter’s imminent death makes reminding urgent.
 - 2. The coming of Christ is no fable; but is connected with eye-witness testimony of His majesty.
 - 3. The prophecies of inspired prophets are now fulfilled in the coming of Christ – the word of prophecy made more sure.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. How does verse 1 relate to the faith of Ephesians 4:5?
- 2. In what two areas has God’s power been shown to be sufficient?
- 3. The Christian shares in God’s _____
Explain:
- 4. How does “*knowledge*” of Christ in verses 3 and 8 differ from the “*knowledge*” in verse 5?
- 5. Why is “*virtue*” so important a characteristic in which to grow?

6. What does the command to grow in “*self-control*” tell you about you and your “desires”?
7. What does the command to grow in “*patience*” tell you about the possibility of falling away from Christ?
8. What is different between “*brotherly kindness*” and “*love*”?
9. What *three things* will occur if you grow spiritually in Christ?
10. What three things will occur if you do not grow spiritually in Christ?
11. What else do we need as Christians besides knowing and being established in truth?
12. What proof did Peter offer his readers that the message of Christ was no fable?
13. How has “*the word of prophecy*” been “*made more sure*”?
14. How should the readers respond to the word of prophecy?
15. What should be known about the prophecy of scripture?