

2 PETER 3:14-18

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“The goal of all Christian ministry, in all its forms, is disciple-making. It is to see growth in the gospel in the lives of people.” The Trellis and the Vine, Colin Marshall and Tony Payne

Central Truth: Growth in the Christian life results from God’s grace that works in us and empowers us to pursue Christlikeness.

1. We grow by _____

(v. 14-16)

- *Cultivate diligence in pursuing holiness by grace*
- *Develop patience in seeing transformation unfold*
- *Hunger for greater understanding and application of Scripture*

2. We grow by _____

(v. 17)

- *Watch out for good things that can rob your affection for Christ*
- *Check in with one-another in the community of the church*
- *Practice the one-another commands of the New Testament*

3. We grow by _____

(v. 18)

- *Immerse yourself in God’s Word and prayer*
- *Engage in fellowship that encourages you to know Christ more*
- *Root your life in the gospel of God’s grace*

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¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶ as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

1) **A Time of Waiting:**

Do you tend to live your life with an awareness of Christ's return? How can living with that end in view affect how we pursue Christlikeness today?

2) **Becoming like Christ:**

How can we encourage one another towards Christ-like character with the long view in mind? Why is it so important to remember that every effort we make in the Christian life is first an outworking of God's grace at work in us?

3) **Influences that Lead Astray:**

What are good things that can distract you from the most important things in the Christian life? How have you experienced the care of God's people in the church that has helped you to grow spiritually?

4) **Growing in Grace:**

How are you growing to see more of God's holiness, your sinfulness and the extent that God went to in order to save you? Who are people at Grace Bible Church who are encouraging you onward in your own growth in grace?