

## The Grace and Knowledge of Christ

II Peter 3:17-18

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As Peter closes his letter, and we close our study of this book, we want to hear everything we can. God has given us everything; He has lavished everything on us, everything we need, so apply all diligence. If you do not, you have forgotten the cross of Christ and been short sighted. Peter has continually reminded us of these things because he wants us to remember these things after he is gone.

1. A. As we have studied II Peter, think back to how many times we have already referred to verses 3:17-18. Why is that?  
Jeremiah 3:15, John 21:17, II Peter 3:17-18
  
- B. What are the two imperatives in II Peter 3:17-18?
  
2. A. How does Peter view those he is writing to?  
II Peter 3:1, 8, 14, 17
  
- B. Christian living flows from Christian knowledge. Read the verses from 2A again and notice this principle.  
Philippians 3:10
  
- C. II Peter 3:17 says “knowing this beforehand.” Knowing what?  
II Peter 1:3, 5, 9, 12-14, 17-19, 2:1, 3:3, 9, 16, 18
  
3. Make the direct connection between II Peter 3:17 and 3:16. Connect “knowing this” to those who are “the untaught and unstable.” What is it to be taught and stable?  
Jeremiah 31:33-34, John 6:45, Acts 4:13

4. A. As we have seen, there are two imperatives in II Peter 3:17-18; “be on guard” and “grow.” What are we exhorted to guard against in 3:17?  
James 1:13-16
  
- B. What, or rather, Who are we to cling to as our strength?  
Isaiah 45:24, II Peter 3:18, James 1:17, 5:8
  
- C. What did Peter know, and by extension, want us to know, about being “carried away?” How does this reflect on Peter’s final exhortation to us?  
Matthew 26:69-74, Luke 22:31-32, I Peter 5:10, II Peter 3:18
  
5. A. “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”  
Have you taken this lightly or maybe drifted away from this single purpose in life? Has your love for Him grown cold? Has reading His word meant more to you in the past than it does now?  
Jeremiah 9:23-24, Philippians 3:10, Revelation 1:8, 21:6, 22:13
  
- B. “Grow in grace;” feed on His grace.  
Romans 5:1-2, Ephesians 2:8, Titus 3:5-8, Hebrews 13:9
  
- C. Grow in “the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Be reminded why God the Holy Spirit came. Are you daily asking God to teach you?  
Psalm 119:18, Daniel 11:32, John 16:7-15, Philippians 3:10

Make it your personal aim to know Him. Have you drifted away from your first love? As a final exhortation, on Father’s Day, men, have you made it your ministry aim to teach your children the knowledge of Christ?  
Jeremiah 3:15, II Peter 3:18

“To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen” “I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images.” “So that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”