

# Outline and Notes

## Peter's Last Word: GROW!

II Peter 3:17-18

INTRODUCTION:

How would you end your letters, given the awesome responsibility Peter had for these saints?! We'll look today at how Peter ended his second letter. But first:

A. II Peter 3:15 says the "long-suffering of the Lord is to be reckoned as His salvation" \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Verse 17 is our introduction to verse 18. Peter gives a **preface** and a **challenge** to his readers, "**Since... beware!**" is a way this verse could be summarized. \_\_\_\_\_

So let's look at verse 18 -- **first, we are to**

**I. GROW in GRACE,** v. 18a

*"...but grow in the grace..."*

A. Don't be led away by the wicked, and fall from your steadfastness.

GRACE is more than "unmerited favor" \_\_\_\_\_

B. Do those things which will cause or allow grace to grow within you

Prov. 3:31-35 \_\_\_\_\_

and, don't forget, it is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ -- there is no other way to be forgiven of our sins and have right standing with the Father.

So also, we are to...

**II. GROW in KNOWLEDGE,** v. 18b

*"grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ."*

A. Not just grace, but knowledge also \_\_\_\_\_

B. Earlier reference, II Peter 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

The word for knowledge is ginosko, from which we get, well, the word "know," but also prognosis, diagnosis and even the negatives: ignorance and agnostic! \_\_\_\_\_

The word ginosko means to KNOW by E \_\_\_\_\_

C. It is by R \_\_\_\_\_ that we grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

Holy Communion focuses on the PERSON and WORK of Jesus Christ.

**CONCLUSION:** Our appreciation of Holy Communion is dependent upon how much we have grown in grace and in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. *"To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen!"*