



2 Peter

Knowing and Growing

Session 10

“The Bible was composed in such a way that as beginners mature, its meaning grows with them.” *By Augustine*

Peter learned the importance of being alert. Knowing when to move forward and when to wait. His early life of impulsiveness taught him to put his trust in Christ. In 1 Peter he emphasizes the grace of God. In the second letter he will teach us the knowledge of God.

Read 2 Peter 2:1-4

Question: Peter calls Jesus his Savior, which means to bring salvation. How has Jesus brought salvation to your life?

This faith involves God’s power. The Christian life begins with saving faith, faith in the person of Jesus Christ.

Question: You are reborn in Christ when you ask Him to be your savior. Nothing needs to be added. Your growth in your spiritual life begins. How is the journey of your life in His saving faith?

God has not only given us all that we need for life and godliness, but He has also given us His Word to enable us to develop a life of godliness.

Question: When you became a Christian, how did getting into God’s Word become important to you?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-7

Peter listed seven characteristics of the godly life, but we must not think of it as seven beads on a string or even seven stages of development.

Characteristic #1 – Virtue: It’s having moral excellence.

Characteristic #2 – Knowledge: Knowledge that is growing, handling life successfully.

Characteristic #3 – Temperance: Being slow to anger.

Characteristic #4 – Patience: The ability to endure when circumstances are difficult.

Characteristic #5 – Godliness: A man who is in right relationship with God.

Characteristic #6 – Brotherly Kindness: If we love Jesus, we also love our brothers.

Characteristic #7 – Love: We love in spite of the differences we have.

Question: Look over the character traits and discuss where you are strong and those that you need help with.

Read 2 Peter 1:8-11

A professing Christian who is missing the virtues that are mentioned will struggle to discern his true spiritual condition. When a person is unable to discern their spiritual condition, they will live a life of doubt and fear.

Question: How has pursuing these 7 qualities been affirming in your faith in knowing who you are in Christ?

Assignment: Look at these 7 characteristics and ask the Holy Spirit to empower you in them.

Next Week: Read 2 Peter 1:12-21 With Trust