

SERMON OUTLINE 2 Peter 1:3-7

God's Plan for Your Growth

God wants you to Grow. (v. 2)

God has given you everything you need to Grow. (vv. 3-5a)

God expects you to make every effort to Grow. (v. 5b)

God wants to see these qualities Grow in you (vv. 5c-7):

Faith: a gift from God that enables you to trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ for salvation

Virtue: uncommon moral excellence like that found in Jesus Christ

Knowledge: the ability to know and conform to God's revealed will for your life

Self-control: having power over one's emotions, impulses, and desires

Steadfastness: the capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty

Godliness: a devotion to God that shows up in how you order your life

Brotherly affection: warmth and affection for those with whom you have much in common (i.e. fellow believer in Christ)

Love: warmth, affection, and sacrificial giving for the good of others, even your enemies, as God in Christ loved you and met your greatest need

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

God has given you everything you need for life and godliness. Because of this, you are to make every effort to grow, more and more, into the likeness of Christ. This includes growing in faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. You should be eager to understand what God expects, be willing to honestly evaluate your current state, and then make every effort to change what God wants you to change. As you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, He will be glorified! (3:18).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is Jesus, according to verses 1 and 2, and why does that matter?
2. The sermon begins with the image of restoring a house or car. How does that picture help you understand what God is doing in the life of a believer?
3. What would you say to someone who views salvation just as a “ticket to heaven”, and why?
4. Describe how and why you can escape the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desires?
5. The sermon says Jesus has given “precious and very great promises.” What are some of those promises that can help fuel your growth?
6. II Peter 1:3 says Jesus’ divine power has granted us “all things that pertain to life and godliness.” What encouragement does that give you in areas where growth feels difficult?
7. How would you describe the relationship between God giving us everything we need for life and godliness, and you being commanded to “make every effort” to grow?
8. The sermon defines godliness as “Godward devotion” and “devotion in action.” What would that look like in ordinary daily life?
9. Of the qualities listed in II Peter 1:5–7—faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love—which one do you most need to grow in right now?
10. The application section calls you to understand what God expects, evaluate your current state, and change what God wants you to change. What is one specific step of obedience or growth you believe God is calling you to take?

APPLICATION

11. Understand what God expects.
12. Evaluate your current state.
13. Change what God wants you to change.