

L7 | Grow in Grace | 2 Peter 3:17-18

I. Intro/Review:

- Grace - plans, purposes, provides, creates, justifies, purifies, teaches
- Grace teaches
 - To deny
 - Live
 - Zealous of good works

II. Preview:

- Growing in Grace

III. Sermon:

{:17-18} - "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

- **"seeing ye know these things before"**
 - **:15** - "and account the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul..."
 - What is the longsuffering of our Lord?
 - **:10** - "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;"
 - **:12** - "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved..."
 - **:13** - "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."
 - **Romans 1:18** - "wrath of God revealed"
 - **Romans 2:5** - "...wrath against the day of wrath"
 - **Romans 9:22** - "What if God, willing to shew His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction."
- **"even as our beloved brother Paul"**
 - Knowing these things -
 - 1) beware to not fall from stedfastness, but
 - 2) grow
 - a) in grace, and

b) in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- Grow in "grace" concerning Christ and the wisdom given to Paul
- **Three Graces to Grow in**
 1. The conclusion (Rom. 3:28), manifestation (Rom. 3:21), and declaration (Rom 2:25-26) of the death, burial, and resurrection with all its implications.
 - The Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - a. Justification
 - b. Sanctification
 - c. Glorification - (i.e. - resurrection)
 - d. Wisdom
 2. The unsearchable judgments to usher in the dispensation of the grace of God.
 - a. Prophecy - Acts 3:19-21
 - b. Mystery - Romans 16:25-26; 11:25, 33ff; Eph. 3:1-12
 3. The mystery of Christ that details God's purpose for the dispensation of the grace of God with the body of Christ and its future implications with the Israel of God.
 - a. Reconciled Heavenly Places - Col. 1:15-20 (vocation, election, calling)
 - b. Reconciled Earth - (vocation, election, calling)
 - c. Gathered together in One - Eph. 1
- Grow in Grace
 - Already discussed justification
 - Sanctification
 1. The Fruit Tree
 - Dead to Sin (planted)
 - Alive to God (planted)
 - Obey (faith alone (Rom. 6:17) to freedom
 - Fruit unto God (Rom. 6:21-22)
 - Eph. 5:9
 2. The Babes, Child, Adult
 - 1 Cor. 3:1-3
 - 1 Cor. 13:11
 - Galatians 4:19
 - Eph. 4:13
 - Heb. 5:13-14
 - 1 Pet. 2:1-3
 - Eph. 4:15
 3. The Edifice
 - 1 Cor. 3 (The Foundation)
 - Acts 20:32 (Build you Up)
 - Eph. 2:19-22

IV. **Conclusion:**

- Grow in the bowels of Jesus Christ (Php. 1:8)
- Grow in the mind of Jesus Christ (Php. 2)
- Grow in the fruits of righteousness by Jesus Christ