

# MOVING FROM A BELONGER TO A BECOMER

## MOVE: Part Three

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*“For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him...should become like his Son...” (Romans 8:29, The Living Bible)*

*“Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.” (Colossians 3:10, NLT)*

## WHAT I NEED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO GROW 2 Peter 1:1-11

### 1. Christian Growth is a JOURNEY.

*This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. <sup>2</sup> May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.*

- The goal of proclamation is SALVATION
- The goal of salvation is SANCTIFICATION
- The goal of sanctification is IMITATION
- The goal of imitation is GLORIFICATION

#### ***Spiritual Development Occurs in Stages:***

- EMOTIONAL - Experiences (reward system)
- INTELLECTUAL - Knowledge (show me)
- VOLITIONAL - Obedience (trust based)

### 2. Christian Growth is a JOINT-EFFORT.

*<sup>3</sup> By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires. <sup>5</sup> In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.*

*“Therefore, my dear friends...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:12–13, NIV)*

<b>God’s Part</b>	<b>My Part</b>
Salvation	Believe
Justification	Effort
Grace	Respond
Peace	Supplement
Power	Moral Excellence
Provision	Knowledge
Calling	Self-control
Presence	Patient endurance
Glory	Godliness
Promises	Brotherly affection
Divine Nature	Love

### 3. Christian Growth is a **JOY**.

*<sup>8</sup> The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. <sup>10</sup> So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. <sup>11</sup> Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

#### **BENEFITS OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **PRODUCTIVE** for the kingdom.
- **PROVEN** over time.
- **PROTECTED** from backsliding.
- **PROMOTED** in eternity.

*“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’” (Matthew 25:21, NIV)*

**ACTION:**  
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