

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Chosen to be Grow

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How do we get deep roots so we can grow & maximize our God-given potential?

- **God chose you to grow.**

2 Peter 1:1-2 (NLT) 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 Saviour. ² May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

- **God provides all you need to grow mature in Christ...**

- **Through a relationship with Jesus Christ made possible by the Holy Spirit.**

2 Peter 2:3 (NLT) “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.

- **Through God's promises.**

2 Peter 1:4 (NLT) “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.”

- **Cultivate your faith to grow.**

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NLT) “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, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.”

2 Peter 1:5-8 (The Message) “So don’t lose a minute in building on what you’ve been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.”

- **Prioritize your relationship with Jesus to increase your yield.**

2 Peter 1:8-11 (NLT) “The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are short-sighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

What is hindering your growth in your relationship with God?

What is one thing you can do this week to prioritize your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Big Idea: Deep roots produce great fruits.



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#3 of 5 - June 4, 2023

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- 2) Read 2 Peter 1:1-11. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about the passage? What is the major theme in the passage?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us and what does this tell us about our identity in Christ?
- 5) What does God provide for us so that we can grow?
- 6) What does it mean for us to "make every effort" to grow spiritually? What can we embrace in our life that will help us grow in our relationship with God?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through this study? (Take some time for Listening Prayer).
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