

Growing in Grace

Scripture Reading — 2 Peter 3:11-18

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 —

“Walking-on-water” Peter learned his lesson well, but it was a slow process. He denied Jesus three times. Then, restoring him, Jesus called Peter to take care of his sheep (John 21). Our reading for today shows Peter’s concern for that flock, given in a final word of warning and encouragement. Peter had worked with Paul to pastor and teach people the meaning of following Jesus.

There’s no promise of paradise here on earth. We can expect a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. In the meantime, we desire to have healthy relationships as church families, as friends, as husbands and wives, and as parents with children. We have considered traits of healthy relationships that reflect Christ’s concern for each of us as members of his body here on earth. We need to learn from Peter that it’s a constant process. Growing healthy in the grace and knowledge that we have in Christ calls for a commitment to work at whatever is needed.

Peter wrote, “Make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.” We need to work hard to become what Jesus intends for us. We may have healthy relationships that honor God, but there’s always room for growth. I hope our reflections have helped us consider what God wants for us. With Peter let’s conclude, “To him be glory both now and forever! Amen”

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for your Word found in the Scriptures. Help us understand where and when to apply their teaching. May we do everything to your glory. Amen!

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