

Grow Up
A Study of 2 Peter

"Progress"

2 Peter 1:1-11

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A Letter from Peter

2 Peter 1:1 *Simon Peter, a servant and apostle
of Jesus Christ,*

*To those who through the righteousness of our
God and Savior Jesus Christ have received
a faith as precious as ours:*

*2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance
through the knowledge of God and of Jesus
our Lord. (NIV)*

Everything we need

2 Peter 1:3 *His divine power has given us
everything we need
for life and godliness
through our knowledge of him
who called us by his own glory and goodness.
(NIV)*

Great & Precious Promises

2 Peter 1:4 *Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by [evil] desires. (NIV)*

How do we Grow Up?

2 Peter 1:5 *For this very reason,
make every effort to add to your faith
goodness;
and to goodness, knowledge;
6 and to knowledge, self-control; (NIV)*

What Progress looks like

2 Peter 1:6 ...*and to self-control,
perseverance;*

and to perseverance, godliness;

7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness;

and to brotherly kindness, love. (NIV)

Why is Progress important?

2 Peter 1:8 *For if you possess these qualities*

in increasing measure,

they will keep you from being ineffective

and unproductive

in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(NIV)

When there is No Progress

2 Peter 1:9 *But if anyone does not have them,*

(these qualities in increasing measure)

he is nearsighted

and blind,

and has forgotten that he has been

cleansed from his past sins. (NIV)

Future benefits of Growing Up

2 Peter 1:10 *Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager*

to make your calling and election sure.

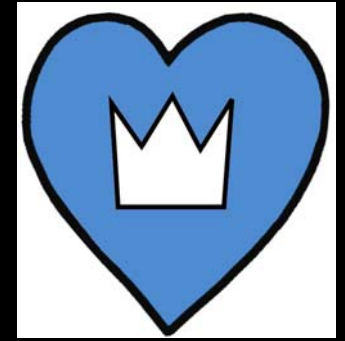
For if you do these things, you will never fall,

11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (NIV)



Take Away



- ❑ God has provided all we need to live the kind of lives he desires (to progress)
- ❑ To progress (to mature) we must actively participate
 - ❑ When we are progressing:
 1. We will be effective and productive in this life.
 2. We can Anticipate a Rich Welcome into the next life.