II Peter 3-18

Greg Kline · 2 Peter 3:14–18

INTRODUCTION

- We set lofty goals for ourselves because we want to be better. We want to grow.
- We have a high calling. We have to, as verse 14 says, be diligent to be found without spot or blemish.
- Verse 17, be careful, be watching, don't be carried away with false doctrine. Verse 18, grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Recognize Where I Need to Be

2 Peter 1:2–11; Mark 10:17–22

- The first one is that we need to recognize where I need to be.
- Because if we don't know what we are striving for, we will never get there.
- The picture of a Christian, the picture of one devoted to Christ, is found in verses five through seven.
- And being a Christian isn't about settling for the lowest bar that we can reach to get into heaven.
- I have to know that I am responsible for me.
- If Jesus was facing you this very minute, and he said, This one thing you lack, what would it be?

2 Identify Opponents of Growth

2 Peter 2:1–9; 1 Timothy 6:10; 2 Peter 2:18–22

- We need to identify opponents of growth.
- But in 2 Peter chapter 2, false prophets, false teachers are specifically called out.
- Secretly they will bring in destructive heresies, even denying the master who bought them.
- Thinking that I'm good enough. We don't sneak into heaven.
- How about the opponents of growth that are just things we don't care about? How about apathy and pleasure and comfort?
- Not only what virtue do I need to grow in, but what weakness do I need to suppress?

3 Keep in Mind Our Motivation

2 Peter 3:1–13; Genesis 6; 2 Corinthians 5

- In 2 Peter chapter 3, though, we need to keep in mind our motivation.
- We know what we're living for, that God is coming again.
- In verse 9, he is patient, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- This world will be no more. This time not with water, but with fire.
- If we're distracted by the here and now, we are missing the point.
- Are we waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God?

4 Growth Is Not an Option

2 Peter 3:18

- But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Growth is not an option.
- It is a necessity. It is a command from the will of God.
- God is coming. This world will end.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's remember what we are to look like and make a plan of how to get there. Let's remember what's going to stop us and how to get over that obstacle. Let's keep in mind what day we're headed for.**

MY NOTES