



Growing in Christ

MCA
The Church on the Hill

Sermon Outline

Key verse

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3

When we are in Christ, we keep growing spiritually

1. It is a work of God

He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:4a

2. It is for his glory

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:8

3. Don't forget what he has done

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. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

2 Peter 1:8-9

KEEP GROWING IN CHRIST

APRIL 6
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

While 1 Peter encouraged believers that faced persecution from outside the church, 2 Peter teaches how to deal with false teachers from within. Through this study we will be encouraged to grow even stronger in Christ. We must discern false teaching as we hold tightly to Christ and await his sure return. In chapter 1, Peter talks about growing in Christ. It begins with faith and it culminates in love.

Ice breakers

- Are you doing any gardening this year? What are you planting?
- When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Dig Deeper

- Read 2 Peter 1:5-7. What does he urge his readers to add to their faith? Which one do you need the most?
- In verse 4 Peter mentions the promises of God. Which promises of God are the most meaningful to you in this season of life?
- Verse 8 warns against being *"ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."* What does it look like when a believer is effective and productive? In what ways do you want to become effective and productive for Christ?
- What have you found to be most helpful in bringing spiritual growth in your life?
- How does growing in Christ help you in your life? Marriage, parenting, at your job, walking in victory over sin, avoiding fear, etc.
- In verse 9 Peter mentions forgetting that we have been cleansed (forgiven) of past sins. How can we avoid this sort of spiritual amnesia?
- What do you think it looks like to "confirm your calling?" (2 Peter 1:10) Have you done that? What was the result?

Closing

Press on to know the Lord! He will keep working in your life and wants you to grow in your faith. *He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* (Phil 1:6)