

GROWING IN *Grace*

BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

— 2 PETER 3:18

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LESSON 13 – OUR SOURCE FOR GROWTH THE INSPIRED WORD

*“And so we have the prophetic word
confirmed, which you do well to heed...”*

(2 Peter 1:19)

THE INSPIRED WORD

- All things pertaining to life and godliness are through the knowledge of Jesus – 2 Peter 1:3-4
- There is no replacement for the word – Luke 16:27-31
- It is inspired, living and powerful, incorruptible – 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25
- We must come to it daily – Psalm 1:2
- It will transform us if we let it – Titus 2:11-15

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- Jesus reminded – John 14:25-26
- Paul said reminders are safe – Philippians 3:1
- Reminders are so important that Peter took measures to remind even after his death – (v. 15); Jude 2; 2 Timothy 2:2

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- Reasons why we need to be reminded:
 - Forgetfulness – (v. 9); Deut. 6; Heb. 12:5-11; 2 Peter 3:3-7
 - Complacency – 1 Cor. 4:8-13; 5:1-8; Zephaniah 1:12-17
 - Apathy – Revelation 3:15-16
 - False Teaching – Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 4:14; 2 Peter 3:17-18

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- Eyewitness Testimony
 - Apostles' ministry – John 15:27; Acts 1:21-22; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 2 Peter 1:16
 - Eyewitness of His majesty – (v. 16); Matthew 17:1-13
 - Such was significant evidence of the coming of Jesus – 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Matthew 25:31-46; 1 Peter 1:7, 13; 5:1, 4; 2 Peter 3:10-18

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 - *“And we have the word of prophecy made more sure”* (v. 19, ASV)
 - Testimony on plane with inspired prophets who spoke of that day themselves – 2 Peter 3:2; John 14:25-26; 15:26-27; 16:5-15; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:15

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 - The scripture would eradicate the darkness – (v. 19); Psalm 119:105; John 1:1, 4-5, 9; Revelation 3:28; 22:16
 - The scripture originates with God – (vv. 20-21); 2 Timothy 3:16