

The Real Deal

(Growing in Grace – Part 1)

Text: 2 Peter 1:1-2, 12, 3:17-18

Main Idea: The real Gospel produces a real faith in a real savior!

Purpose of 2 Peter: “The purpose of 2 Peter is to call Christians to spiritual growth so that they can combat apostasy as they look forward to the Lord’s return.” Kenneth Gangel (The Bible Knowledge Commentary [Victor Books], 2:862)

Outline of 2 Peter: Growing as a Christian requires.....

1:3-11 - An authentic relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:12-21 – Confidence in the authority & trustworthiness of God’s Word.

2:1-22 - Spiritual discernment to avoid the danger of false teachers.

3:1-18 – Living in light of the certain promise of Christ’s second coming!

1. We must accept the **one real** _____. (v. 1a)
 - Peter was the _____ of Christ. (Josh 14:7, Ps 18:1)
 - Peter was an _____ of Christ. (Acts 1:21-22, Eph 2:20)
2. We must possess the **one real** _____. (v. 1b)
 - Real faith is _____ by grace as a gift by the Holy Spirit! (Eph 2:8-9, 1 Cor 2:10-16)
 - Real faith is _____ with the Apostles’ faith.
 - Real faith believes in the imputed _____ of Christ. (2 Cor 5:21, Romans 3:21-24)
3. We must know & believe in the **one real** _____! (1b-2)
 - Jesus is the real _____ & _____.
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