

Grow



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Commanded of Christians

2 Peter 3:17 - 18

“You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; **18** but **grow** in the **grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

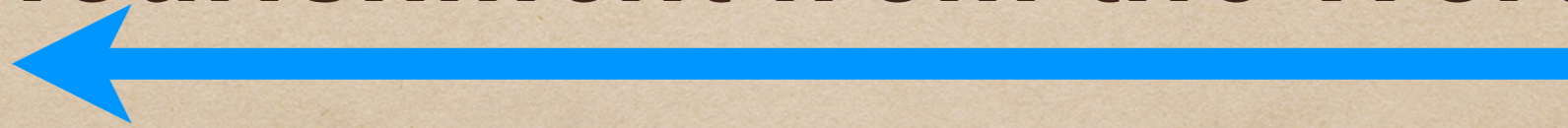
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How Do We "Grow"?

"Grow" (Greek *auxano*) = "to cause to grow, augment"

Luke 2:40; Luke 12:27; Ephesians 4:15

Nourishment from the Word



1 Peter 2:2;

2 Peter 3:18

"as newborn babes,
desire the pure milk
of the word"

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Jesus is The Creator's Spokesman

Hebrews 1:1 - 2

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.”**

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Jesus is Greater Than:

- ◆ **Angels: Hebrews 1:4 - 2:18**
- ◆ **Moses: Hebrews 3:1 - 6**
- ◆ **Levitical Priests: Hebrews 2:17 - 3:2;
Hebrews 4:1 - 5:11; Hebrews 6:19 - 10:31**
- ◆ **All of the Faithful: Hebrews 10:32 - 12:29**

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Jesus is Our Apostle & High Priest

Hebrews 3:1 - 2

“Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the Apostle and High Priest** of our confession, **Christ Jesus, 2** who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.”

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“Consider” (Greek *katanoeow*) = “consider attentively, fix one’s eyes or mind upon”

Acts 7:31; Luke 12:24, 27

“Apostle” = “One sent” **Exodus 3:10**

“High Priest” = “Above the others”

Hebrews 2:17

“Who was faithful” = like Moses

Numbers 12:7

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Jesus is Our

“Author & Finisher of Our Faith”

Hebrews 12:1 - 2

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us** lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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“Looking” (Greek *aphoraow*) = “to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on something”

What Is Our Goal?

- ♦ **To be a famous entertainer/ singer?**
- ♦ **To be a movie/ TV star?**
- ♦ **To be rich and powerful?**

OR

- ♦ **To follow Jesus in His obedience to God all the way to Heaven?**

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Jesus is Our Example of Endurance

Hebrews 12:3

“For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.”

“Consider” (Greek *analogidzomai*) = “to think over, ponder”

“Endured” (Greek *hupomenow*) = “to persevere, bear bravely and calmly”

Hebrews 12:2 - 7

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Jesus is a Sinner's "Way"

Hebrews 13:12 - 14

“Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. **13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. **14** For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.”**

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Jesus is a Sinner's Friend

John 7:37

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, **"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."**

Are YOU Thirsty for Salvation?

Mark 16:16

"He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."