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2Peter 3:18 (AMPC).”***

“But grow in grace (underserved favour, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (the Messiah).”¹ in our last devotional, we emphasised the wonderful blessedness of being known by God and the privileges of knowing God. We also stated that this knowledge starts with being ‘Born Again’, a process which brings us into the family and Kingdom of God. And this is a gift of the Grace of God which cannot be quantified or paid for, and open to all who will humbly receive it by the faith of God and gratitude of heart and mind. But once we come into this new position and receive the status of being born again, we not only have rights and privileges, but also responsibilities and obligations.² One of the responsibilities is to **GROW**; grow in the knowledge of God and His Kingdom, grow in the faith that brought us into the Kingdom, and grow in living the New Life of a Christian.³

Therefore, while Salvation is free to human beings, maintaining, growing, and maturing in that Salvation requires the intentional and deliberate commitment of the saved person. Salvation brings one into a journey that has a Beginning and an End. **This End, which is Eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ in His Kingdom must be kept as a clear, conscious, and continuous focus, as it is both a delight and a motivation. To neglect one’s role and do otherwise exposes one to the attacks of the enemy, the devil, which often comes as many distractions with which he lures and deceives people, and eventually take them away from the Journey to eternity with Jesus Christ.⁴ They make a shipwreck of their faith, and eventually lose the Salvation given to them with all its privileges, and then suffer the consequences which follow.⁵** Our key passage for this week is a command, which is intended to ensure that we do not fall from the path and journey of Christianity. It is about a consistent focus on the Saviour Jesus Christ, which brings one into His grace – His undeserved favour and spiritual strength, and a recognition, knowledge and understanding of the Saviour. He **MUST** be the undivided focus, because He is the One who saved us and gave us the privilege of coming into this New and Special position.⁶ So, the verse further states, “To Him [be] glory (honour, majesty, and splendour) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it).”⁷ **Jesus employs the illustration of a Vine and its branches. The branches have life only to the extent that they remain in the Vine; and Jesus stated that unless a Christian abides/remain in Him, that person does not grow, becomes unfruitful and useless, and is cut off from the Vine and burnt.⁸** Apostle Paul stated that Christians should take their bearing for life from Heaven where Jesus is, and no longer be controlled by the worthless things of the world. And Apostle Peter said that **those who come into the knowledge of God MUST Crave Pure Spiritual Milk of the Word of God in order to grow into the full experience of Salvation.⁹ The Christian MUST grow, just like a fruit-bearing plant must do if it is to remain in the field of its owner.** The implication is that Jesus is able and desires to keep us in the Christian Journey – Faith, **but an individual MUST not only be interested but MUST also take deliberate steps, and perform the required actions that will enable Jesus to keep that person along the journey.¹⁰**

Growth is a very important component of all living things, including human beings. Parents take every care, and make necessary sacrifices to ensure that their babies grow to maturity, meeting every landmark along the way of their growth. The same is true of Christianity. When one is Born Again, **that person is a new baby in Christianity or Christian walk, and MUST GROW.¹¹** This is One of the purposes of the gatherings called the Church, to help people grow. While it is questionable whether some of these places are really helping people to grow, **the true Church is not just a physical place but the Body of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the Church, and the work of ‘growing’ Christians is still being done.** And one of the reasons people are not taken to heaven the moment they become Christians is for them **to grow into the Nature of Jesus Christ**, so that they can be used to do His work on earth, and will know how to relate with Him in Eternity.¹²

Now, we know God and are known by God, we are to Grow!

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Further & Daily Readings: 2Pet. 3:8-18; John 15:1-16. 1.2Pet.3:18; 2. Phil. 1:27-30; Col. 1:10; 3:1-2; 3. Jn. 15:1-6; 2Pet.3:14-18; 4. Eph. 4:14; 5. 1Tim. 1:19; Heb.6:4-6; 6. Jn. 3:30; 1Pet.2:24-25; Titus 3:4-7; 7. 2Pet.3:18; 8. Jn. 15:6; 9. Col.3:1-2; 1Pet.2:2; 10. 2Pet. 1:3-9; 11. Heb.6:1-3; 12. Eph. 4:11-16, James1:21-22.