

Growing in Grace

II Peter 3:17-18

“Not [this]...but [that]...” contrast

¹⁷ Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, **being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.** ¹⁸ **But grow in grace,** and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

- The point of the contrast is the truth of the final part,
Cf. Matthew 10:28; I Peter 3:9;
II Peter 2:4

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- “Growing” is what a child does, 1 Peter 2:2
- **Continue** along a path that began when we first accepted Jesus
- Peter **does not suggest that we outgrow grace** as we mature (and become more accomplished at doing God’s will), 1 Peter 5:12

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- Continue to develop virtues, II Peter 1:5-11
- Continue to develop ability to overcome temptations, I Peter 2:1-22
- Continue to prepare for the “day of the Lord”, II Peter 3:10-11
- Continue to press towards the results grace always produces, Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-14