

PETER'S CLOSING WORDS  
(2 Peter 3:17-18)

- I. Exhortation to BEWARE of FALLING (3:17)
  - A. The PREPARATION—"Knowing this BEFOREHAND"
    - 1. Informed concerning FALSE TEACHERS
    - 2. Comprehending TRUE DOCTRINE
  - B. The CHALLENGE—"be on your GUARD"
  - C. The THREAT (cf. Gal. 2:13)
    - 1. Its NATURE—being "CARRIED AWAY"
    - 2. Its SOURCE—"the ERROR of UNPRINCIPLED men"
  - D. The DANGER—FALLING from your own STEADFASTNESS
    - 1. Not in danger of LOSING their SALVATION
    - 2. But in danger of having their CONFIDENCE SHAKEN
  
- II. Exhortation to CONTINUE GROWING (3:18a)
  - A. An appeal to the WILL
    - 1. Growth is not CAUSED by the WILL

2. The DIRECTION of growth is INFLUENCED by the will
- B. A challenge to "GROW in the GRACE ..." (cf. Eph. 4:14-16)
1. Increase our UNDERSTANDING OF God's unmerited favor
  2. Increase our APPRECIATION FOR God's unmerited favor
  3. Increase our DEMONSTRATION OF God's unmerited favor
- C. A challenge to "GROW in the ... KNOWLEDGE ..." (cf. 1:5-8)
- D. A focus on "our LORD and SAVIOR Jesus CHRIST" (cf. 1:11; 2:20; 3:2)
1. The AUTHOR of GRACE
  2. The OBJECT of KNOWLEDGE
- III. Concluding DOXOLOGY (2 Pet. 3:18*b*)
- A. Addressed to "HIM"—"our LORD and SAVIOR Jesus CHRIST"
- B. Ascribes to Him "the GLORY" (cf. Isa. 42:8; John 5:23)
1. He is our SOVEREIGN
  2. He is our SAVIOR
  3. He is our GOD
- C. Affirms He is worthy of WORSHIP "both NOW and to the day of ETERNITY"