

**DAILY BIBLE STUDIES**

**Fruitful Growth**

**Monday**

For the next two weeks, with Tim away, we will be taking a break from the Gospel of Mark and studying the beginning of Peter's 2nd epistle. Most bibles title the beginning of this epistle as fruitful growth which will be our title for the next two weeks. The letter, obviously addressed to believers is clear, just as else where in scripture, that real Christians will produce fruit! Jesus says we have been chosen to bear fruit **Jn 15:1**, *You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit.* Not only has the Christian been chosen to bear fruit, but it will be good fruit. **Matt 7:17** *So every good tree bears good fruit.* Just like our difference in spiritual giftedness, the amount of fruit will vary among believers, *some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty*, but all real Christians will bear fruit and will be known by their fruit. Related Scriptures: **Matt 7:17-19, Matt 12:23, Matt 21:43, Rom 7:4-5.**

**What did I learn from this study today?**

**Tuesday**

Peter starts off his epistle, referring to himself as both an apostle and servant. The term apostle carries authority; he represents and speaks for the living Christ and as we saw yesterday, he addresses believers in this epistle and we see this in his address: *To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.* As such his official teachings form the foundation of the church to this very day but then he wipes away his authority when he calls himself a servant or your bible may bond servant. The word servant or better translated slave is one of my favorite words in the bible. In Greek, the word is doulos *doos'-los*, it means one born into slavery. A slave, one who is in a permanent relation of servitude to another, his will being altogether consumed in the will of the other. Slavery is not popular but don't we want to hear: **Matt 25:23** *Well done good and faithful slave.* We will see more regarding this during the sermon. **Mark 10:43-45, Luke 12:43.**

**What did I learn from this study today?**

Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)	Lord's Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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### **Wednesday**

Something we must all realize, we don't produce fruit and we don't serve to get saved, we do these because we are saved. We will touch on imputation, justification and "growth" as we are calling it or the biblical word, sanctification on each of the Lord's day messages. Peter mentions faith and we know a real saving faith is what produces growth and fruit. We find dead faith in **James 2:17** and demonic faith in **James 2:19** but this is not the *like precious faith* Peter is talking about. The Greek word for *like precious* is *isotimos ee-sot'-ee-mos* of equal value or honor. Peter is saying, we are the same, what I have you have if you are saved. Here's that word "imputation". We received a faith not by our righteousness, not by our works but *by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Eph 2:8-9, Titus 3:5.*

***What did I learn from this study today?***

### **Thursday**

Peter, still in his address then says *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.* **Grace** (*charis*) is God's free, unmerited favor toward sinners, which grants those who believe the gospel message and complete forgiveness forever through the Lord Jesus Christ. another meaning of Grace is, particularly that which causes joy, pleasure, gratification, favor, acceptance, for a kindness granted or desired, a benefit, thanks, gratitude. Peace means, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is. See **Eph 2:14-15, Col 1:20.** How is this multiplied to us - *in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.* Why do so many Christian, not have this grace and peace, because they don't desire what will set them free. **Prov 2:4-6.** Jesus said **Matt 13:22** *the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*

***What did I learn from this study today?***

### **Friday**

Peter opened the letter in verse 1 talking about those who received the same kind of faith, saving faith and knowledge is key to fruitful growth. John MacArthur states "Salvation requires a genuine knowledge of the person and work of Jesus Christ (*Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:10*). It involves not merely knowing the truth *about* Him, but actually *knowing* Him through the truth of His Word." This is where we truly begin as fruit growers growing in the knowledge of Christ. Peter stresses this point and even tells us later in this same epistle *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"*. With knowledge we can admonish and teach, **Rom 15:14**, we can defend our faith, **1 Tim 6:20**, it will help us witness **Phil 3:7-11**. Please understand, this is Dr. Phil knowledge this is biblical knowledge and Peter is going to tell us how to obtain next week. Read **2 Peter 1:5.**

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### **Saturday**

As we finish this week and prepare for the Lord's day, understand nothing that has been said so far can be accomplished except by God. But God has a purpose for each and every believer as we saw earlier this week, **Jn 15:16** *You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit.* Not only this but **1 Peter 1:3-4** *His divine power has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises.* This is a humbling statement - God has, we haven't earned, we haven't worked for but He *granted* and prepared what we will do. **Eph 2:10.** Here is a quote from John Piper. "The Christian faith is not merely a set of doctrines to be accepted. It is a power to be experienced. It is a tragic thing to ask people if they know the Lord and have them start listing the things they believe about the Lord. Brothers and sisters, believing things about Jesus Christ will not save anyone. It is divine power that saves. If the power of God does not flow into your life and make you godly, you are not Christ's. **Rom 8:14.**

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