
Progress, Not Perfection

"The Goal Is Growth"

2 Peter 3:14-18

10-17-21

Introduction: This morning we begin a new series where we'll focus on growth.

1. Growth should be a high priority.
2. None of us were born perfect, nor are we perfect when we are born again.
3. Being born again is a starting point.
4. I now have the Holy Spirit.
5. I am no longer a slave to sin.
6. Christlikeness is possible.
7. Christlikeness is about progress, progress that is experienced over the course of my life.
8. Perfection will not be ours until we are with Jesus.
9. Because growth is so important, we will focus on it in the weeks ahead.
10. Life is filled with opportunities to grow. As we recognize & seize those moments, we will grow.
11. This morning we begin with a simple reminder ... the goal is growth!

I. Understanding The Context

A. Therefore

B. Expectation

C. Understanding

- Delay

- Distortion

II. Understanding The Commands

A. Be Diligent

- Peace

- Spotless

- Blameless

B. Be On Guard

C. Grow

Conclusion: We exist to glorify God.

1. Our growth glorifies God.
2. Growth can be a challenge.
3. In the weeks ahead we will learn to meet those challenges head on.
4. As we do, we turn obstacles into opportunity.
5. That's important because growth is the goal!