

# 2 Peter

## Sermon Notes – May 19, 2019 [#04] *Knowing God's Character More & More* 2 Peter 1:12–15

### Children's Sermon: Change is Good

How have you changed since you were a baby?

- What can you do now that you couldn't do then?

When you become a Christian, you are born again (John 3:3):



- How do you grow and change as a Christian?

#### 2 Corinthians 5:14–15

<sup>14</sup> For the **love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that *those who live might no longer live for themselves* but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

- Is this change good for us?

#### Diligently Pursue Virtue with Faith in God's Promises (1:3-11)

Notes:

#### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness.



#### Remind, Remind & Recall! (2 Peter 1:13-15)

#### Today's Biblical Bullet...

Peter drives home how important it is to participate in God's own moral perfection.



#### I. I am Going to Remind You (1:12)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore **I intend [am going to]** always to remind you of these qualities, though you (Per.-Act.) [*are already*] know[ing] them and are (Per.-Pas.) [*have been*] established in the truth that you have.

#### II. It is Right to Remind You (1:13)

<sup>13</sup> **I think it** right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up (to awaken) by way of reminder, (to cause to recall and to think about again<sup>1</sup>)

#### III. So You Will be Able to Recall (1:14–15)

<sup>14</sup> since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

<sup>1</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 346). New York: United Bible Societies.

<sup>15</sup> And **I will make every effort**  
so that after my departure  
you may be able at any time to recall these things.

## Participating in God's Character is Amazing!

...*Fired at our Life & Heart*  
Being like Jesus is our full time job  
and we should love our job!



### I. Is Putting on God's Moral Perfection Appealing?

#### A. Two Main Evil Desires

1. Rebellion (Lawlessness, Autonomy) **Anger...**
2. Self-Justification (Legalism) **Fear, pride, despair**



#### B. God Grants Power through Promise

1. **Faith:** Everything is from him, through him & for him!  
(Cf. Rom. 11:33-36)
2. **Pursue by Faith:** An ever increasing **virtue**, growth in **knowledge** of God's word, the ability to exercise **self-control** to do what Jesus says (not what I feel like in the moment), and a determined **steadfastness**, knowing that **godliness** and **brotherly affection**, and **love** are beautiful and worth the effort.

**Who wouldn't want to be more like Jesus?!**

### II. Illustration: Reconciling with a Brother (Knowledge, Self-Control, Steadfastness, & Love)

#### A. Reconciliation (Love) is the Goal

#### **Matthew 18:15**

<sup>15</sup> "If **your brother sins against you**, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, **you have gained your brother**. ..."

#### B. This is My Responsibility

#### **Matthew 5:23–24** (Anger-Murder)

<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that **your brother has something against you**, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

#### C. The Right Procedure

#### **Matthew 18:16–20**

<sup>16</sup> But **if he does not listen**, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of

two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> **If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.** And **if he refuses to listen even to the church,** let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (ex-communication)

#### D. With Humility & Gentleness

##### Matthew 7:1–5

<sup>1</sup> “Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, **but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?** <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, **first take the log out of your own eye,** and *then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.*

##### Galatians 6:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him **in a spirit of gentleness.** Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and so **fulfill the law of Christ.** (Cf. Jn. 13:34)

#### E. Virtue pursued through Promise (1 Jn. 1:9)

1. Knowledge...
2. Self-Control...
3. Steadfastness...
4. Love...

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**If you know this/have been established... Ever Increasing!**

**If you have never experienced the power of God’s transforming power...**

**I invite you to come, taste & see that the LORD is good!**