

LESSON 1 (2 PETER 3:17-18)

Christian conversion does not end with repentance and baptism. God calls on us to change, grow and overcome to become more like Him throughout our lives. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can have Christ formed in us. The story of Aquila and Priscilla helps us understand some of the ways God helps us to grow in our Christian walk. It seems Aquila and Priscilla were already Christians when they met Paul in Corinth, and it also seems they hit it off. Not only did they share the same trade of tent making (or leatherworking), they shared a love of the truth. "It is doubtless in this period that they endangered their lives for his [Paul's] sake" (Acts 18: 1-4)

Friends! What does God want for you after you have been baptized, forgiven and received His Holy Spirit? Is that all there is? No! Do we relax from that point on? No! We must desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of God. Many scriptures show how followers of Jesus Christ are to live in this life in preparation for eternity. This is a huge subject that demands our attention for the rest of our lives, and the theme for this year 2019 will only scratch the surface. But I hope this foundation will give you the tools and motivation to continue learning and transforming your life to be more like our loving God.

LESSON 1 Questions

1. According to Luke 5:1-11, Peter was called to be a fisher of who? From your understanding do you think Peter was schooled? Can God use unschooled people? ____

2. In 2 Peter 2:1-3, Peter says, “There were false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you” Can you say there are false teachers among us? What are their characteristics? _____

3. In 2 Peter 3:14-18 Christians are looking forward to the new heaven and earth, what should Christians set aside and how should they live with God? _____

4. Peter’s purpose in this epistle was to set goals for believers. Believers were not to be carried away by deception, they were not supposed to loose stability but be prepared to deal with purposeful/heretical teachings. According to 2 Peter 3:18, Peter wanted believers to _____

5. Like food and water were important elements for the physical growth, the word of God (scripture) and prayers are important for the spiritual growth. Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18) is a growth that needs spiritual food.

In your own words explain how scripture and prayers are necessary for spiritual growth

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