

# NOW THAT I AM A CHRISTIAN MY RESPONSIBILITY TO GROW

## Lesson #2

TEXT: 2 Peter 3:18

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. IF I TRULY DESIRE TO BE PLEASING TO GOD, I WILL NOT BE CONTENT WITH THE MERE OUTWARD SIGNS OF FAITH. I WILL DESIRE **CONTINUED** DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH
- B. I WON'T BE LIKE THOSE DESCRIBED BY PAUL **2 Tim. 3:7**
- C. IF I HAVE BEEN TRULY CONVERTED TO CHRIST:
  - 1. I Won't justify my failure to attend worship and classes designed for growth.
  - 2. I will be open to study and help from my brethren.
  - 3. **I will not be content to merely get by.**
  - 4. Growth will be my special responsibility and privilege.

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. If I truly desire to be pleasing to God, I will desire what?
- 2. How did Paul describe some in 2 Timothy 3:7?
- 3. If I am truly converted, what four things will result?

### I. GOD EXPECTS ME TO GROW - 2 Peter 3:18

- A. Diligence is needed **2 Peter 1:5-11**
- B. Our own efforts and how we use our time will determine our rate of growth **2 Tim 2:15, Heb. 5:14-14**

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. "But grow in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."
- 2. What will determine our rate of growth?
- 3. " \_\_\_\_\_ to present yourself approved to God, a \_\_\_\_\_ who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing [handling] the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

### II. GOD HAS PROVIDED FOR OUR GROWTH.

- A. The word is "FOOD" for our growth **1 Peter 2:1-2**
- B. We must put away all preconceived notions and opinions **2 Thess. 2:10-12**
- C. I must realize why the word was given and that it is **SUFFICIENT 2 Tim. 3:16-17**

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is the food God has provided for our spiritual nourishment?
- 2. What must we first put away?
- 3. "All \_\_\_\_\_ is given by inspiration of, and is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_, for reproof, for correction, for \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, that the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly equipped for every \_\_\_\_\_."

### **III. ATTENDANCE IS NECESSARY TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.**

#### **A. SEVERAL THINGS ARE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE ASSEMBLY.**

1. Study and communion **Acts 20:7**
2. An Opportunity to express the heart to God and man **Col. 3:15-17**
3. An Opportunity to motivate and be motivated **Heb. 10:24-25**

#### **B. THEREFORE, ATTENDANCE, FREQUENT AND CONSISTENT, IS NECESSARY FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH. I CAN ALSO SEE THAT WHEN I REFUSE TO ATTEND SERVICES FAITHFULLY, SEVERAL THINGS OCCUR:**

1. **I am in rebellion against God.**
2. I not only will not grow, I will weaken.
3. I am selfishly depriving my brethren of the edification and encouragement made possible by my presence.

#### **C. Acts 2:41-47. WHAT IS TO BE THE ATTITUDE OF CHRISTIANS?**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. What is accomplished in the worship assembly? Why is it important?
2. What occurs when I am not there?

**CONCLUSION: All are expected to grow spiritually and each must examine himself honestly to see if we are doing so. Are you doing all that you can to grow in the Lord?**