

SERMON TEXT - 2 PETER 1:12-21

12 Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

GROWING UP 2 PETER 1:12-21

Theme: *Christian life is to be marked by growth in Christ*

#1 Error: Christian Growth is All Human Effort

- A. The Limit of Human Effort (v. 3-4)
- B. Partakers of the Divine Nature (v. 3-4)

#2 Error: Christian Growth is No human Effort

- A. Make Every effort... (v. 5)
- B. From faith to love... (v. 5-8)

#3 A Picture of Christian Growth

- A. Remember: *You have been cleansed from your sins!* (v. 8-9)
- B. Practice! (v. 10-11)

Other Passages

Matthew 7:21-22 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'