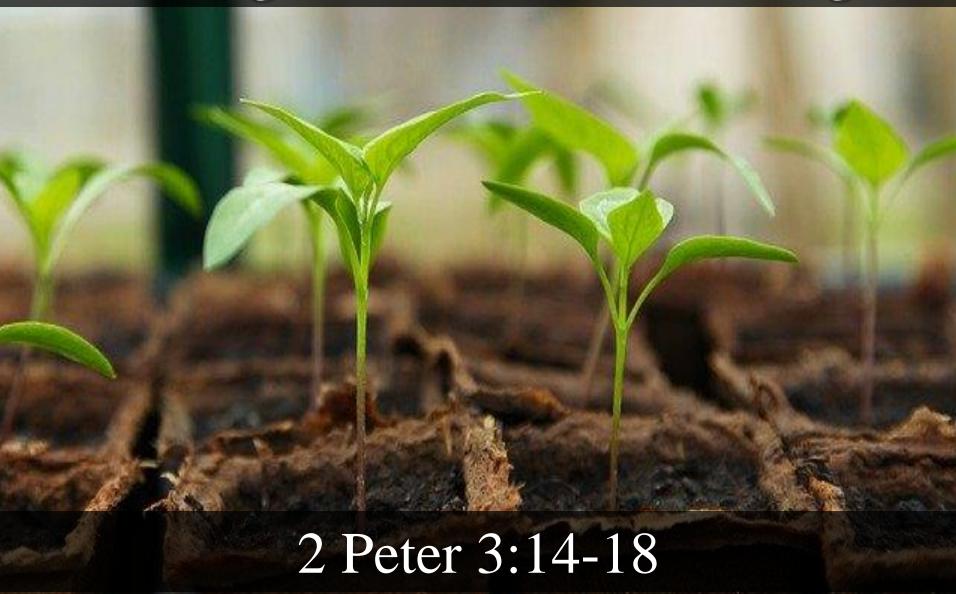
# Growing in Grace and Knowledge



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<sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

# Spiritual growth is maintained by patience and peace

Hebrews 6:12 - so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Romans 8:25 - But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

James 5:7 - Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.

Jude 1:21 - <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Revelation 1:9 - <sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus...

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# Growing in grace and knowledge feeds spiritual growth

#### 2 Peter 3:18

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