

Writing from Rome, Peter encourages believers to pursue spiritual maturity through the Word of God. Peter repeatedly points to the Word of God as the primary means of growth for the Christian (2 Peter 1:4, 19–21; 3:1–2, 14–16). The letter was written for everyone in every age and stage of life. Every step of your journey is a season of opportunity. An opportunity to grow and mature.

*Human life inevitably progresses through four stages: the wonder of childhood, the energy of youth, the endurance of adulthood, and the glory of age. If each stage of life comes as a gift from God, then Christians must embark on the worthy task of thinking biblically about life's progression. Albert Mohler*

Peter ends this second letter with a command, **grow!** Our key thought today is simple and straightforward:

**Every season of life is an opportunity to grow as a person and as a follower of Jesus Christ.**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1–8; 1 Corinthians 13:11–12; Hebrews 5:11–13; Ephesians 4:11–15*

## FOUR KEY THOUGHTS FROM 2 PETER 3:18

- **Spiritual growth is to be continuous**

- **Spiritual growth is in the context of the current season of your life**

A season of transition is a time where you experience sudden or significant change. It's a time where new things are happening spiritually, naturally, mentally, or emotionally.

- **Spiritual growth is to be in the sphere of the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ**

- The Word of God

- The work of the Holy Spirit

- **Spiritual growth is for the glory of God**

- Growth that displays the character of Christ in our lives

- Growth that furthers the gospel of Jesus Christ

### Take away:

What season of life are you in?

Where is God putting His finger on your life during this season?

Don't waste this season!

Don't move too quickly through your current season!