



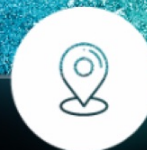
PLEASE, DON'T
FORGET

(2 PETER)



**Due to United Night of Worship, the 5 p.m.
service on April 2 will be moved to Lee Road
United Methodist Church.**

There will be no nursery or children's programs.



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Living Joyfully

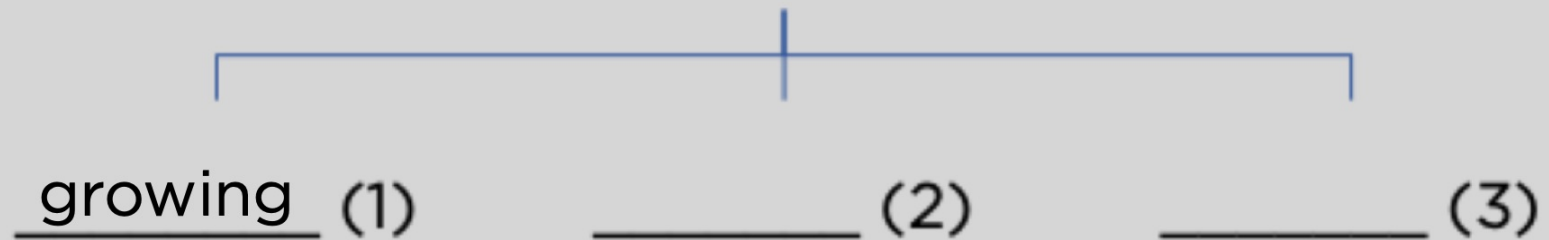
A Conference for Widows

April 15 at North Hills Church

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2 Peter - Please, Don't Forget



“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.”

2 Peter 3:18

2 Peter - Please, Don't Forget

growing (1) discerning(2) _____ (3)

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.”

2 Peter 3:17

2 Peter - Please, Don't Forget



growing (1) discerning(2) waiting (3)

“Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.”

2 Peter 3:14

Your view of the future
shapes your life in the present!



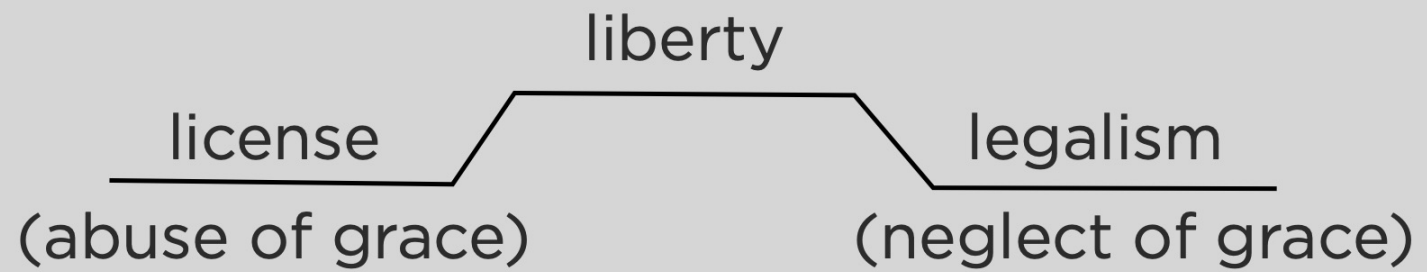
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legalism

(neglect of grace)





NT confronts with
past grace



NT confronts with
future grace

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“I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

“For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.”

Galatians 5:3, 5

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23

- Marriage/sexuality questions -

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- Judgment/accountability questions -

“I think God has bigger things to worry about.”

Philip Gulley

“There is one serious defect to my mind in Christ’s moral character, and that is that he believed in hell.”

Bertrand Russell

“If your god never disagrees with you, you might just be worshiping an idolized version of yourself.”

Tim Keller

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“stirring up” = wake up

“I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder ...”

2 Peter 1:13

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“Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the
prophets, but in these last days he has spoken
to us by his Son ...”

Hebrews 1:1-2a

Peter is saying three things about these last days.

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scoffing = arrogance and aversion

- Scoffers are coming.
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“They will say, ‘Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.’” (4)

“Where is the word of the Lord? Let it come!”

Jeremiah 17:15

“Son of man, what is this proverb that you have about the land of Israel, saying, ‘The days grow long, and every vision comes to nothing’?

“Tell them therefore, ‘Thus says the Lord God: I will put an end to this proverb, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel.’ But say to them, The days are near, and the fulfillment of every vision.”

Ezekiel 12:22-23

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“For they deliberately overlook this fact ...” (5)

God's Story

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“that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God ...”

“I’m not an atheist. The problem involved is too vast for our limited minds.

“We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many languages. The child knows someone must have written these books. It does not know how

“The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books but doesn’t know what it is.

“That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being toward God.

“We see the universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws but only dimly understand these laws.”

Albert Einstein

“Why does anything exist at all? This is the great mystery, says Wittgenstein. Why is there something rather than nothing? Where did the universe come from?

“What is the Beginning which stands behind all other beginnings, the Reality which gives ground to all other realities?

“At every level, at every angle, we find ourselves confronted with the necessity of what Barth calls ‘the Wholly Other.’

“The very fact that we are here to ponder the question is already the greatest miracle, the greatest improbability.

“Unless theism is presupposed all thought and action become absurd – without purpose and suspended over nothing.

“Unless the Infinite exists, the finite would never have come to be. What sense does the painting make unless there is paper on which it is drawn. God is the great truth. We are his dream.”

Gavin Ortlund

“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

Colossians 1:17

God's Story

1. Creation

2. **Flood**

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2. **Flood**

“... and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.” (6)

“I’m not trying to defend the view of God in the Noah story as morally acceptable, ethically satisfying, and theologically mature.”

Brian McLaren

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”

Matthew 24:36-39

God's Story

1. Creation
2. Flood
3. **Final judgment**

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1. Creation
2. Flood
3. **Final judgment**

“But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.” (7)

Trevin Wax

“Why Read If You Forget Most Everything Anyway?”

“Uploading information to our brains is not the main reason for reading [or listening to sermons].”

Austin Carty

“The point is this: the primary purpose of reading is not to be able to consciously recall what we have read; it’s to constantly keep refining the lens from which we see reality.

“Even though we don’t remember 90% of what we have read, it still gets inside of us - in ways we’re unaware of and at depths we don’t know we have. It still enriches our filter - even when we don’t realize it is happening.”

Austin Carty









“If the church were Christian, we would do what Jesus did – equip one another to live better in this world and stop fretting about the next one.”

Philip Gulley

“Half the truth is often a great lie.”

Benjamin Franklin

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Matthew 10:28

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
enemy.’

“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

“For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

Matthew 5:43-45