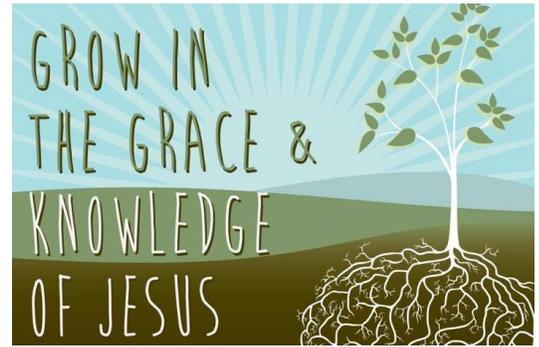


**A Study of The Epistle of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter**  
**Theme: “Grow in Grace and Knowledge”**

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**BIBLE TEXT and STUDY NOTES**

(17) 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.

**(Mk 13:5,9,23,33; 1 Cor 10:12; Rev 2:5)**

(18) 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.**

**(Rom 3:24; 11:36; Eph 4:15; Php 2:11; Col 1:10; 2:19)**

**LUTHER’S COMMENTARY**

17. *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, beware lest you be carried away with the error of lawless men and lose your own stability.*

18. *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.*

Since you know everything that has been stated above, he says, and since you see that many false teachers who seduce the world must come, and that there will be scoffers who twist **Scripture** and do not want to understand it, be on your guard, lest you fall away from faith because of false doctrine. And grow, in order that you may become stronger from day to day by constantly occupying yourselves with and proclaiming **God’s Word**. Behold, how greatly concerned the apostle is about those who have come to faith! This concern also impelled him to write the two epistles, which contain in rich abundance everything a Christian should know and also what is still to come. **May God give His grace** that we, too, may grasp and retain this! Amen.

**LIFE APPLICATION**

How do we daily take care so that we are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose our own stability?

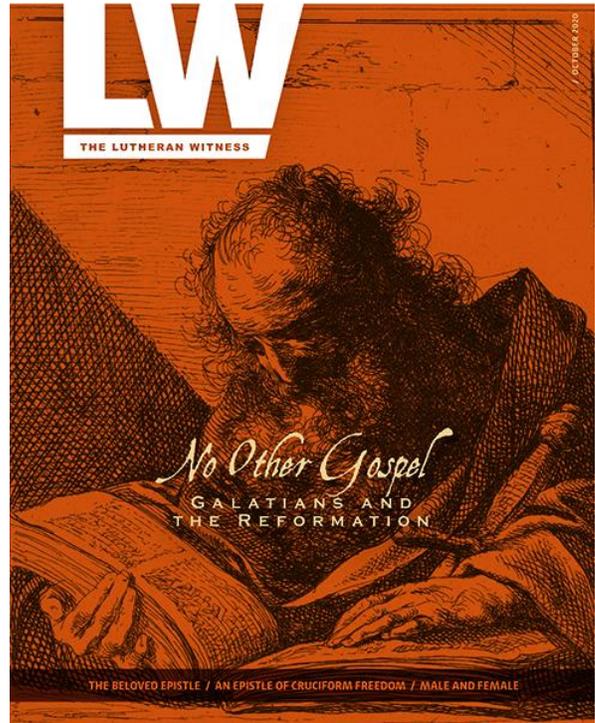
Why is it vital to grow in the grace and knowledge of **our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**?

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No Other Gospel: Galatians and the Reformation  
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“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel,” writes St. Paul in his opening salvo to the Galatians. “Not that there is another” (Gal. 1:6–7), he concludes. No other.

The teaching of the Gospel, “that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ” (Gal. 2:16), forms the core and central teaching of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. At times, teachers of the church led people away from this core doctrine. Martin Luther faced this false teaching from the Roman Catholic church.



It is no surprise, then, that Martin Luther loved Paul’s letter to the Galatians and considered it his “beloved Katie.” His commentaries on Galatians begat many “reformational children,” and through these commentaries, Luther continues to preach the pure Gospel to Christians today. Not because they are Luther’s commentaries, but because Luther points his readers to Christ’s suffering and death for the sins of the world.

We dig into Galatians. We are give you the context of the churches in Galatia and an overview of the theology in the letter. We take one often-misinterpreted text, Galatians 3:28, and explain what Paul is saying. And lest one begins to think that the Gospel gives freedom to sin, we discuss how Paul teaches the third use of the law in Galatians. Finally, we explain what place this letter had in the Reformation and how to read Luther’s commentaries on Galatians.

Do not desert Him who called you in Christ Jesus. There is no other Gospel than that which we preached to you: “A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ” (Gal. 2:16).