

GROWING IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE

How interesting are the words used by the apostle Peter when he closes his second letter,

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen” (2 Peter 3:18).

We might say these are his last words, and what are they? A call to Christians to keep growing. This is not a call to grow in number, as some congregations focus on, but personal growth. Christians must keep growing in pleasing God and learning about Him. Through Jesus, we learn how to please the Father. The New Testament gives us everything we need to live this life in preparation for the next (2 Peter 1:3). There are millions out there claiming to be Christians, but not growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. They follow what man tells them to do, and do not search the Scriptures. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to serve Him for the Spanish-speaking community. A **congregation from Mexico** reached us recently asking for materials to help their members grow in the knowledge of God as well as use these materials to reach their community. A **person from Bolivia** sent a short message recently, *“Good teaching. May God keep blessing you!”* A **sister from California** wrote to us about the need of having a Spanish minister. Hopefully, we can encourage the local brethren to keep growing, especially having the resources available, online, and free through the School.

There are so many resources in English available to the brotherhood, but somehow in Spanish, the growth has been very slow. There is progress and soon we will be able to talk more about upcoming projects working together with some Hispanic brothers, but as mentioned in previous issues, there are **more than 400 million people** who natively speak Spanish around the world. Missionaries in those places need Spanish content. Local brethren in those places are also required to grow in grace and knowledge. The School, with your help, can provide them with materials that can be reached from wherever they are because of the Internet.

Let us keep busy for the Lord, growing and helping others to grow in Christ. Lord willing, we will travel soon to Texas to do the recordings of the course on the book of Acts, and the course notes are currently going through the proofreading process. The Spanish video on Gambling is now published, and the one on Modesty is being edited and will release soon. All of these would not be possible without God, and without you. Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, and your financial support. If you would like to know more about this work or would like to become a supporter, please feel free to contact WVBS, the University church of Christ, or me directly.

May God bless you and your family richly today and always!

To Him be the glory!

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