

Adequacy of Christ

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I. Introduction.

- A. One must experience disillusionment on the road to adequacy in Christ.
- B. Peter had to become disillusioned with who he was in order to grow.
- C. Peter had positive experiences. (Luke 5:1-11; 6:14; 8:51; 9:20)
- D. Peter had negative experiences. (Luke 22:33, 50; 24:34)
- E. Text: II Peter 1:1-4.

II. Knowledge.

- A. One definition is the acquisition of knowledge.
- B. The Hebrew definition is intimacy.
 - 1. Our relationship with Jesus is pictured through this kind of knowledge.
 - 2. We are “married” to Christ. (Romans 7:4)

III. Grace.

- A. A forgiving spirit. (Acts 16)
- B. Joy. (Acts 15:11-13)
- C. Generosity. (II Corinthians 8:1-2)

IV. Peace.

- A. Free from anxiety. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- B. Free from anger. (Colossians 3:8)
- C. Patience.

V. Trusting and obeying is the only way to nurture intimacy with Christ. Fruit is excess life.

VI. Ask God for promises for yourself and others such as your spouse and your children. (Romans 15:13, Isaiah 54:13, 49:25)

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to experience disillusionment? Why is this important for growth?

2. What were the signs of Peter's growth in II Peter 1:1-4?

3. What role does peace and grace play in your life? How can a person grow in these areas? Explain.
