



Message Outline

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July 12, 2026
2 Peter 1:3-9

A Better Version of Me

Dispelling the Myths about Godliness

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- ❧ **WE THINK Godliness is something we generate**
→ **BECAUSE WE FORGET God has already provided it**
2 Peter 1:3

- ❧ **WE THINK Godliness is acting more religious**
→ **BECAUSE WE FORGET God is actually making us more like Him**
2 Peter 1:4

- ❧ **WE THINK Godliness should happen instantly**
→ **BECAUSE WE FORGET God grows us over time**
2 Peter 1:5-8

- ❧ **WE THINK Godliness happens automatically**
→ **BUT ACTUALLY it is fueled by remembering how it all began**
2 Peter 1:9

The biggest obstacle to spiritual growth isn't lack of effort. It's forgetfulness. Godliness doesn't grow because we try harder. It grows because we remember better.



Questions for Further Reflection & Discussion

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1. When you think about “self-improvement,” what’s the first thing that comes to mind (a habit, a skill, your health, your career, or something else)?
2. Read 2 Peter 1:3-9 and review the sermon outline. What stood out to you from the Sunday message?
3. Peter says God’s divine power has given us “everything we need for a godly life.” Do you think he means “everything” as in “everything” 😊? Where do many people need to expand our understanding of what is included here?
4. Doug suggested that one of the biggest obstacles to spiritual growth isn’t lack of effort but forgetfulness. What truths about God or about yourself do you most easily forget?
5. The sermon challenged the myth that godliness means simply acting more religious. How would you explain the difference between looking religious and becoming more like Christ?
6. Verse 8 describes growth happening “in increasing measure.” Where have you seen slow, gradual spiritual growth in your own life? Why is it often hard to notice while it’s is happening?
7. Peter warns about forgetting that we’ve been cleansed from our sins (v.9). How does regularly remembering the gospel change the way we approach obedience and spiritual growth?
8. Complete this sentence: *“This week, instead of simply trying harder, I want to remember _____.”*