

"Steadfast, but Growing"

TEXT: II Peter 3:17-18

Scripture reading: II Peter 1:1-15

Introduction: A supplemental conclusion to John 8
(II Pet. 3:11-12)

I. The _____ Christian - vs. 17

A) Full conviction of the truth
(II Pet. 3:15-16)

B) Alert to aberrant (false) teaching
(Eph. 4:14; I Tim. 6:3-5)

C) Walk by faith, not by sight
(II Cor. 5:6-8; Col. 2:3, 7-8; Pr. 3:5-6)

II. The _____ Christian - vs. 18a
(II Pet. 1:8-9; Eph. 4:11-13; II Tim. 2:15)

III. The _____ Christian - vs. 18b

From Charles Spurgeon; sermon on the spiritual armor of Eph. 6;
"James the first once said of armor that '*...it was an excellent invention, for it not only saved the life of the wearer, but it hindered him from doing harm to anybody else.*'"
Spurgeon then adds, "*Equally destructive to all usefulness is that excessive prudence upon which some professing Christians pride themselves. Not only do they escape all persecution, but they are never able to strike a blow, much less fight a battle for the Lord.*"