

*2 Peter - Growing in Grace*  
*Peter's last will and testament:*  
*Jesus is coming back - 2 Peter 1:12-21*  
preached on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
Hope Community Church East Building by Dr. Steve Treichler  
10am - Facebook Live (Coronavirus Pandemic 2020)  
*For His Glory and Our Joy!*

**OUTLINE:**

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**Sermon #1 - How to live in a COVID-19 world?**

Five Types of people and how they react to crisis:

- Chaotic
- Cautious
- Careful
- Care-less (Care-free)
- Caustic

*To the Chaotic:*

Isaiah 41:10, 43:1-3

1 Peter 5:6-7

*To the Caustic:*

Galatians 5:13-14

Romans 14:1-3, 13-19

**Sermon #2 - Continuing on in 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter**

**Introduction:**

Today's Message:

*Peter's last will and testament: Jesus is coming back!*

2 Peter 1:12-21

**Peter's Last Wishes**

2 Peter 1:12-15

**Jesus is coming back!**

2 Peter 1:16

*But, the false teachers deny Christ's return*

2 Peter 3:3-4

*Reason #1 – We saw him!!*

2 Peter 1:17-18

Matthew 17:1-8

Psalm 2:7-12

*Reason #2 – The Old Testament said it*

Numbers 24:17

Revelation 22:16

*Reason #3 – Scripture is Inerrant, Inspired and Infallible*

Inerrancy

Inspiration

Infallibility

2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Jesus is coming back!**

Revelation 22:20-21

**Gospel Application** – *“Christ’s return: the hope we have!”*

Scriptures Quoted (New International Version)

*How to live in a COVID world?*

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## **2 Peter sermon - Peter's last will and testament**

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### Quotes

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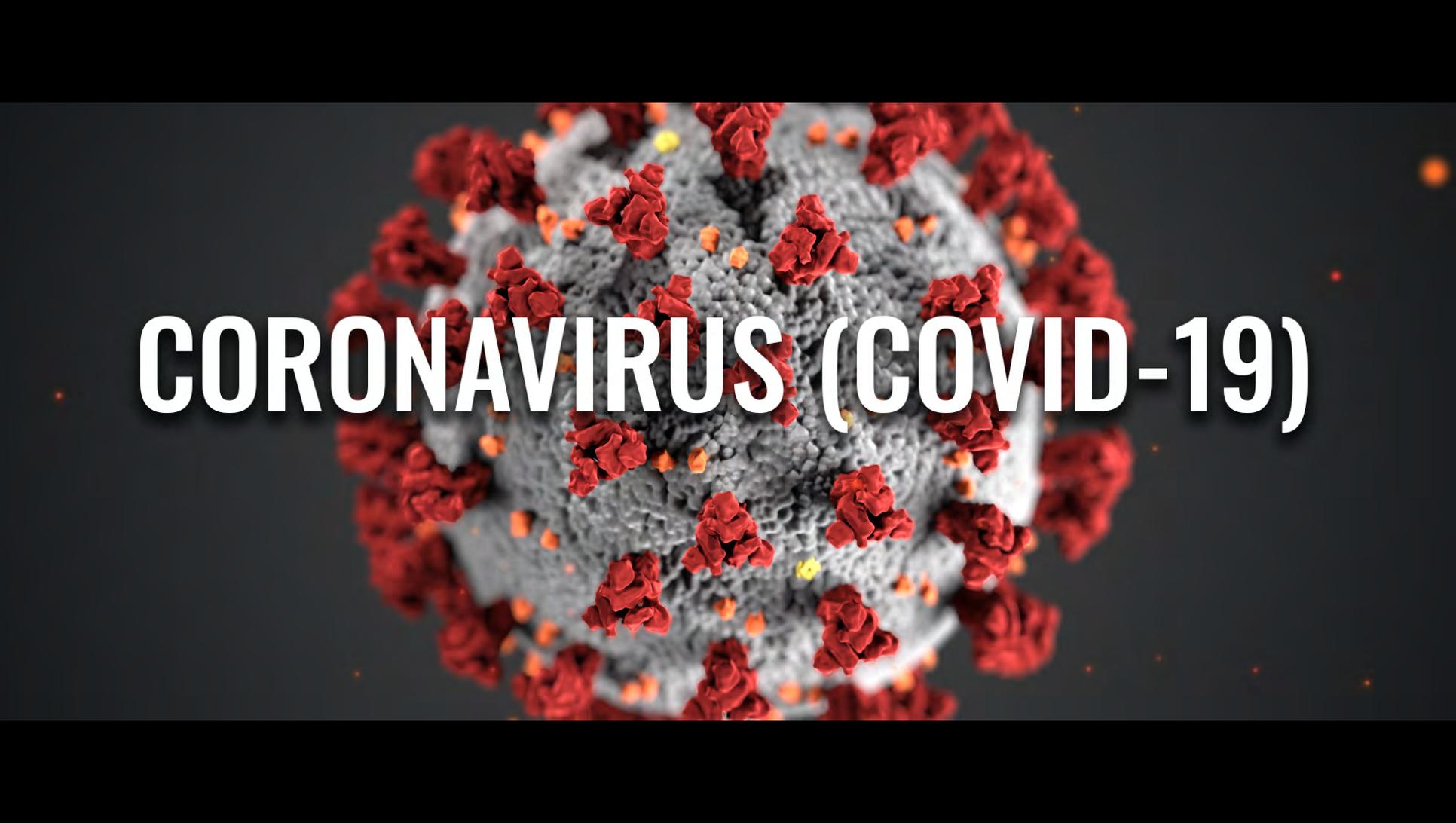
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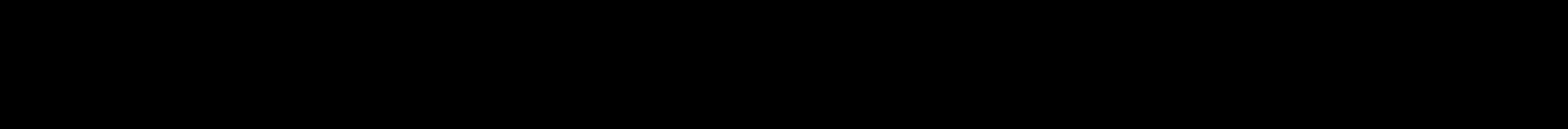
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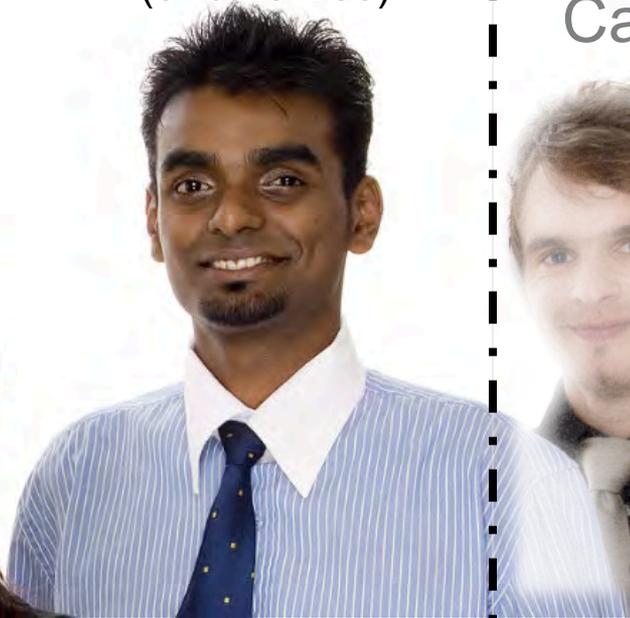
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Steve couldn't make it last minute and informed me soon enough where I was able to host a young mother and her son traveling cross country at a discount. I was able to refund Steve at least a partial payment on his reservation and it turned out to be a true blessing for the travelers. :-)

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 **Private feedback:**

"Nothing happens in God's world by mistake."

August 2020

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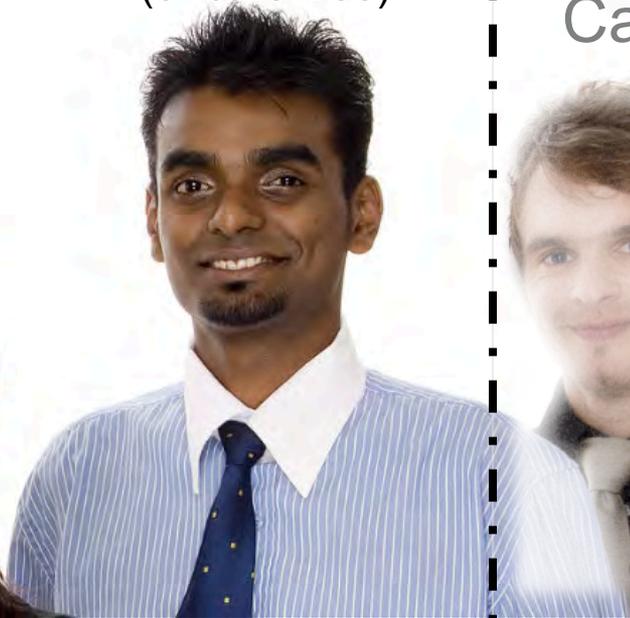
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# SECOND PETER

GROWING IN GRACE

## 2 Peter 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

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## 2 Peter 1:5–11

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, <sup>11</sup> and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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# Peter's Last Will for the churches:

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Peter's Martyrdom,  
traditionally dated as  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 64 AD

**Crucifixion of Saint Peter**

Caravaggio, 1601

Oil on canvas

230 cm × 175 cm (91 in × 69 in)

Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome



# Jesus is coming back

## 2 Peter 1:16

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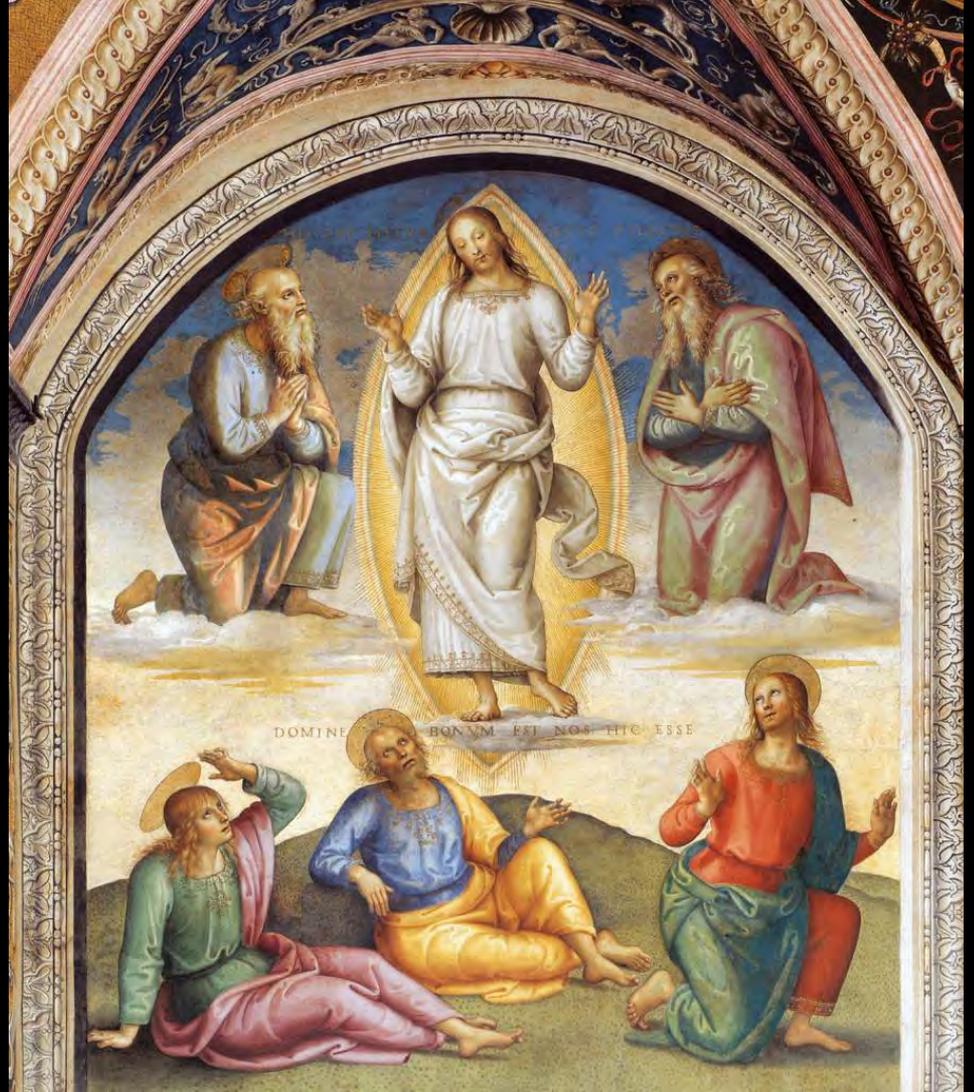
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**PERUGINO, Pietro**  
*The Transfiguration of Christ*  
1497-1500  
Fresco, 226 x 229 cm  
Collegio del Cambio, Perugia



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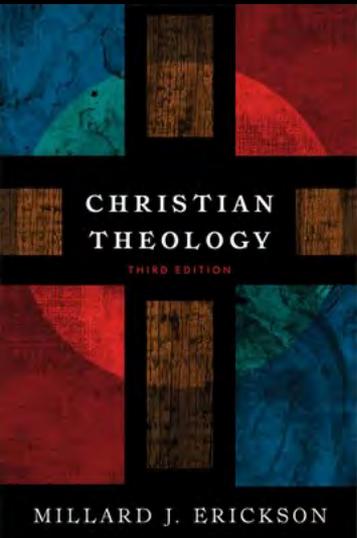
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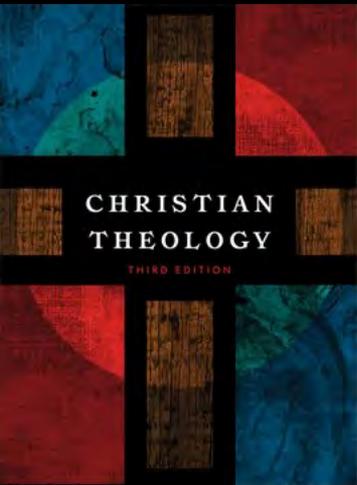
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1918-2018



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