

## **“2<sup>nd</sup> Peter #2”**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:5-11 (Growing in the Faith)

**Review:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:1-4

**V1b (ESV)** *“To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

- In other words, this faith does not diminish with time... the same faith the apostles and the early church had, we also have. (Amen)

**V3 -** His divine power has given / granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness! *“Through the knowledge of Him.”*

**V4...** *“He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of His divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desires.”*

- The point is that we are: sanctified, transformed, made righteous by His divine power and His precious and very great promises.
- And His great love for us. *“We love Him because He first loved us.”*
- Our obedience is a reflection of His great love for us...

**Tonight’s Text:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:5 Read

- For this very reason, giving all diligence add to your faith virtue... (ESV) *“Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue.”*
- What reason...? (Verses 1-4)
- This faith that we have been given, we are to add virtue...

**Virtue:** Behavior showing high moral standards

*The word virtue comes from the Latin root Vir, for man. At first virtue meant manliness or valor, but over time it settled into a sense of moral excellence.*

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV) *"If there is any virtue... meditate on these things"* (Ponder)

- And to Virtue, we are to add knowledge... Look at verse 2... *"Grace and peace is multiplied to us in the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ."*

Proverbs 1:5 *"A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel."*

Proverbs 1:7 *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*

Text: 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:6

- To knowledge, self-control... Pretty much self-explanatory...
- To self-control, perseverance / patience. (ESV) Self-control with steadfastness...

Hebrews 10:35-35 (NKJV)

James 1:3-4 (NKJV) **Patience** can be translated: **Endurance or perseverance.**

(ESV – V3) *"For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."*

- To perseverance, godliness...

"Encompasses both an inward devotion to God and an outward expression of that devotion through righteous living."

Text: 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:7

- To godliness, brotherly kindness...

Hebrews 13:1-3 (ESV)

Proverbs 19:22 (NKJV) *"What is desired in a man is kindness."* (Lit.- Lovingkindness)

*"The proverb emphasizes the importance of kindness as a desirable trait in a man, often valuing it more than wealth or other external attributes."*

- Finally: To brotherly kindness, love.

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)** Without love all that I do for God, is for nothing!

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:12, 16 (NKJV)** *"No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us... V16 We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."*

- IN CONCLUSION:

**Text: 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:8-11 (NKJV)**

- I think these verses speak for themselves...
- **V9:** *"He who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins."*
- **V11...** *"We will be provided an entrance into the eternal kingdom."*

**Colossians 1:12-13...** *(It is the Father that qualifies us and delivers us from the domain of darkness and transfers us into His kingdom.)*

**Acts 14:21-22** *(It's through many tribulations we enter the kingdom of God.)*