

#1 Power to Live a Godly Life

2 Peter 1:1-15

II PETER – KNOW THE TRUTH!

Know the truth about spiritual growth 1:1-9
Know the truth about your own salvation 1:10-15
Know the truth about the scriptures 1:16-21
Know the truth about false teachers 2:1-22
Know the truth about Christ's Return 3:1-18

2 Peter 1:1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

¹⁰Therefore, brothers, **be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure**, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

GROW IN GODLY LIVING!

- 1. God has provided everything you need to live a **GODLY LIFE** 1:3-4
- 2. Growing in godliness will require focused, grace-fueled **EFFORT** on your part 1:5-7

THE THREE HABITS

- #1 Daily Quiet Time With God
- #2 Weekly Connection Time With A Small Group
- #3 Monthly Sharpening Time With A Spiritual Partner
- 3. Growing in godliness will result in wonderful spiritual **BENEFITS** in your life 1:8-11
 - A. Fruitful spiritual effectiveness 1:8
 - B. Clarity of spiritual vision 1:9
 - C. Assurance of salvation 1:9-10
 - D. Abundant reward in the eternal kingdom 1:11

Make Sure You Are Saved!

Some people feel assured of their salvation, but shouldn't. Other people have little or no assurance of their salvation, but should.

4. Growing in godliness is aided by ongoing **REMINDERS** from spiritual overseers and mentors 1:12-15

My takeaway from today's sermon