

“Knowing and Growing”
“Grow in Grace and Knowledge”— Part 2
2 Peter 1:5-21

- 1. The Christian life begins with faith.**
- 2. Faith involves both God’s power and promises.**
- 3. Faith results in spiritual growth.**

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 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. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

2 Peter 1:5-9

Goodness—moral excellence. It holds the idea of fulfilling your purpose.

Knowledge—practical knowledge or discernment. It refers to the ability to handle life successfully.

Self-control—discipline. One who brings his body under submission to Christ.

Self-control has to do with handling the pleasures of life.

Perseverance—patience. Perseverance has to do with handling the pressures of life.

Godliness—God likeness. The original word meant to worship well. It described a person in right relationship to God and to other people.

Brotherly kindness—Love of brothers. One of the evidences of true faith is that we love our brothers and sisters in Christ. (*John 13:34-35*)

Love—unconditional love, agape love. When we show brotherly love we love out of likeness to others, but when we show agape love, we love in spite of our difference to others.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son...

Romans 8:28-29

- 4. Are you certain about your faith?**

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and

election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:10-11

The Christian life begins with faith!
Faith leads to growth!
Growth leads to transformation and service!

5. We all need reminders!

So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things. 2 Peter 1:12-15

(See John 14:26 and 1 Peter 1:24-25.)

6. The truth we have is not a myth.

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-18

7. We must pay attention to God's Word until Jesus, the light of the world returns.

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:19-21

The Apostles did not expect the world

**to get better and better, morally or spiritually!
They also knew the light of God's Word
could not be extinguished.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
119:105

Psalm

*"You are the light of the world... let your light shine before men, that they
may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:14-16

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be
thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy

3:16-17

**Men die, experience fades,
the world grows darker, but
God's Word shines brighter.**

**The believer who builds his life on the Word of
God will not be easily led astray!**

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