

"Giving Diligence to Enter Abundantly"

2 Peter 1:1-11

I. The **GREETING** (1:1-4)

A. The Writer of this epistle is _____

* His authority: _____

* His posture: _____

B. The Recipients of the epistle are _____
_____ (1 Peter 1:1).

C. Peter describes these believers as "those who have _____
with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ"

D. Peter greets these saints with these words: "grace and peace be _____
to you in the _____ of God and of Jesus our Lord."

E. The means by which growth in the knowledge of God and Christ is through utilizing the
_____ of His _____ from
the glory and virtue of Christ

* What have we received through this divine power?

* _____ things that pertain to life and godliness

* Exceeding great and precious _____

* What are the benefits of these precious promises?

II. The **CALL TO GROW** (1:5-7)

A. Growing in grace and knowledge of the Savior requires a _____ of
Christ-like characteristics to your faith

B. This involves personal _____

C. Peter lists seven Christ-like character _____ that indicate spiritual _____,
and he introduces each new trait as being "in" (en), "in connection with," the previous one.

- * Virtue
- * Knowledge
- * Self-control
- * Perseverance
- * Godliness
- * Brotherly kindness
- * Love
- * Why these traits in particular?

III. The **POTENTIAL PROFIT OR LOSS** (1:8-11)

A. Growing in these Christ-like characteristics results in being _____ and _____ in knowing our Savior

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B. Not growing in these Christ-like characteristics results in spiritual _____ and the loss of _____

- * Hebrews 5:11-14; James 1:21-25

C. Growing in these Christ-like characteristics results in not _____ into the effects of false teaching

- * What does "be even more diligent to make your call and election sure" mean?

These verses are instructing believers to become firm, steadfast, or established in the godly traits of verses 5-7, to which they were called and chosen by God, with the result that they will not stumble in their Christian lives but will receive an abundant reward at the time when they enter Christ's kingdom.

D. Growing in these Christ-like characteristics results in an _____ entrance into God's Kingdom

- * How does this apply to you?