

The Fuel and the Fervor of Sanctification (2 Peter 1:5)
GCC, Morning Worship, 11/10/19

Introduction:

- A. Pepa Pig, Perseverance, and Peter
 - B. Christian growth in grace should not be “an initial spasm followed by a chronic inertia”
 - C. Main Idea: God not only expects us to grow, but provides everything we need to grow
- I. The Fuel of Sanctification (v. 5a)
- A. Motivation in obedience is crucially important
 - B. For what reason should we add the various virtues of sanctification to our faith? (v. 5a)
 - 1. Because you have obtained a faith of equal standing through the righteousness of Christ (v. 1)
 - 2. Because through the knowledge of Jesus Christ, God’s divine power has granted to us everything we need to know for life (eschatological life) and godliness (sanctification) (v. 3a).
 - 3. Because God has called you to His own glory and excellence (v. 3a)
 - 4. Because he has granted you his precious promise of glorification (v. 4)
 - C. God’s sovereign work of grace saturates the indicatives of vv. 1–4 and propels us toward the imperatives of vv. 5–7.
 - D. Sanctification is the Real-Time Unfolding of what we were declared to be in justification and what we are promised to be in glorification
- II. The Fervor of Sanctification (v. 5b)
- A. God Works Sanctification in Us (1 Thess 5:23; Heb 13:20–21; Jn 15:5)
 - B. We are called to work in our sanctification (v. 5, 10)
 - 1. Not 50% God’s work and 50% Our Work (Phil 2:12–13)
 - C. Faith as the Groundswell of Effort in your Sanctification (v. 5b)
 - 1. The chain of seven virtues (vv. 5–7) is a literary device, not seven steps to a happy Christian
 - 2. Faith is ground zero for all sanctifying virtue (v. 5b)
 - 3. Why is it so important to keep faith central in our live-long journey of sanctification?
 - D. Make Every Effort to Supplement your Faith
 - 1. Bare “knowledge” in and of itself does not magically transform into action
 - 2. The imperative to work + the word of God + faith = sanctification
- III. A Workshop on Wrestling in Sanctification (Psalm 131)
- A. Crisis is met with bare knowledge
 - B. Knowledge is coveted
 - C. Knowledge becomes a mirror
 - D. Knowledge is trusted
 - E. Bare Knowledge becomes applied knowledge