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A Call to Grow in the Faith

2 Peter 1:1-10

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will be focusing on: The necessity of Spiritual Growth.

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

- (a) SPIRITUAL RESOURCES (vv.1-4)
- (b) GROWING unto MATURITY (vv.5-11)

I. SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

#1- Servant's Spiritual Attitude

MTH.11:30 "His yoke is easy and His burden is lite". The yoke of Christ is constructed from GRACE which we as His people joyfully place upon our necks and call ourselves... **servants**.

#2- Servant's Spiritual Equality

Here we learn that there are no first-class and second-class Christians in spiritual, racial or male/female distinctions nor between Jew and Gentile – we all "have obtained a faith of equal standing with the Apostles"!

#3. Servant's Spiritual Knowledge

The Greek word translated 'knowledge' here does not mean a mere intellectual understanding of some truth, though this is included, nor does it mean an ability to recite facts; but it is a spiritual reality made real to our inner man through the GOSPEL at our time of conversion, and promotes a greater closeness with God.

#4. Servant's Spiritual Strength

There is not a second blessing, or a higher anointing or secret/hidden knowledge that we are to be seeking from GOD!

#5. Servant's Spiritual Reality

GAL.2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"

PHIL.1:21 "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

JOHN 15:4 “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.”

#6. Servant’s Spiritual Liberty

II. – SPIRITUAL GROWTH

v.5 “...add to your FAITH...” it all starts with Faith.

> Lets consider faith HERE in TWO ASPECTS

1. There is a beginning and starting point of your faith, the moment you repented, received and rested upon Christ for the salvation of your soul.
2. There is also of course an aspect of this faith that is also continual or you could say sustaining, meaning that there is a daily trust or faith we have which is the very strength of our Christian lives.

(1) “...VIRTUE...” v.5

(2) “...KNOWLEDGE...” v.5

(3) “...TEMPERANCE...” v.6

(4) “...PATIENCE...” v.6

(5) “...GODLINESS...” v.6

(6) “...BROTHERLY KINDNESS...” v.7

(7) “...CHARITY / LOVE...” v.7