

2 Peter 1:1-8 (KJV) 1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. The Will of God

A. Salvation

to them that have obtained like "precious" faith

1. Precious because of the Price
2. Precious because of the work
 - a. work of the Holy Spirit
 - b. Work of the people of God
3. Precious because of the Place He has prepared
4. Precious because of the people we will spend it with
5. Precious because it has no end

B. Sanctification

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,

We have the POWER to live a holy life - He has the Power for us

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

C. Multiplication

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II. The Work in Man

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A. Responsibility **giving all diligence, add** Add to FAITH We must want our FAITH to Grow!

How committed are you to GROWING in Christ?

1. Add Virtue - Moral excellence
2. Add Knowledge – Practical discernment
3. Add Temperance – Self Control
4. Add Patience – that which comes in trials as we learn to wait on God
5. Add Godliness – reverence to be God-like
6. Add Brotherly Kindness – genuine love for the brothers
7. Add Charity – love toward others outside Christ

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (KJV) 1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

III. The Reward for All (both God and man)

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-25 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

B. Fields of the harvest

John 4:34-35 (KJV) 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.