

Exhortations of the Holy Spirit

- 3 seeing that his **divine power has granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue;
- 4 whereby he has **granted unto us His precious and exceeding great promises**; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Our Part to Reach the Goal

- Because of What God Did ... We must add our part to complete the process.
- 5 *Yea, and for this very cause **adding on your part all diligence**, in your faith supply virtue; and in virtue knowledge;*
- 6 *and in knowledge self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness;*
- 7 *and in godliness brotherly kindness; and in brotherly kindness love.*
- After my decease able to call them to mind

The Full Picture of Importance

● God's Part:

- Divine power freely granted all things MEANS
- Precious/exceeding great promises MOTIVATION
- Partakers of the Divine nature GOAL

● Our Part to reach the Goal – Add to Faith

- virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, Love

● The Blessings of Attaining the Goal:

- Not idle or unfruitful... not blind; never stumble; richly supplied entrance into eternal kingdom

● Peter's Intense Desire we reach this Goal:

- any time after his death we can call these things to mind

Motivations to Reach for this Goal

- 8 For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be **NOT IDLE** nor **UNFRUITFUL**
- 9 For he that lacks these things is **BLIND**, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.
- 10 Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your **CALLING AND ELECTION SURE**:
- for if you do these things, you shall **NEVER STUMBLE**
- 11 for thus **SHALL BE RICHLY SUPPLIED** unto you the **ENTRANCE INTO THE ETERNAL KINGDOM** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Peter's Intense Desire

- 12 Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them,
- 13 And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;
- 15 Yea, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after my decease to call these things to remembrance.
- How Are We Progressing with these things?
- Can we remember or still need to read them?

In your Virtue – Knowledge

- Inspired instruction regarding knowledge:
- *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.***
2Tim. 2:15
- ***All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and **is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God **may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*** 2 Tim. 3:16-17

God is Watching our Efforts Closely

- Knowledge is the key to everything!
- *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. Hos. 4:5*

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- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**. 2 Cor. 5:17-18*
- ***from your aimless conduct** received by tradition from your fathers, 1 Pet 1:19*

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- *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Rom 12:1-2*
- Can't be transformed without new knowledge
- Must renew our mind with truth and new facts
- Everything must be relearned, retested:
- *Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil. 1 Th. 5:21-22*

Our Knowledge Darkness or Light?

- *"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! Mt 6:22*

Attitude toward Re-learning

- *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, Acts 17:11-12*
- Since everything is new – we must search to find out if everything we think we know is true.

Feel Like Newborn Babes

- *Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby 1 Pet 2:1-2*

Knowledge to Abide in His Word

- *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32*
- Must know the word to abide in it.
- Only if we know the truth are we free.

Learning What we Don't Know!



- *O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps. Jer. 10:23*
- *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Pr. 14:12*

Best to Think: We Don't Know Anything

- *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. Pr. 3:5-8*
- Is our heart burning with desire for this knowledge. God knows how much we desire to learn so we can trust Him.

Knowledge is Pleasant



- *When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11 Discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you, 12 To deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things, Pr. 2:10-12*

All Things Are New

● Psalms 19:7-11

- *The law of the LORD is perfect*
- *the testimony of the LORD is sure,*
- *The statutes of the LORD are right,*
- *the commandment of the LORD is pure,*
- *The fear of the LORD is clean,*
- *the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous*
- *More to be desired are they than gold,*
- *sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

Do We still desire? Still Sweeter?

When By Reason of Time

- *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Heb 5:12-14*

He May Exalt you in Due Time

- *24 Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors... 97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. 98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts.*
Psalms 119:24, 97-100

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- Everything Relearned, Retested,
- Everything Reevaluated, Renewed