



The Foundation of the Text

- 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.

The Hub of the Text

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- 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.
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Motivations for the Text

- 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 Inspired Intent/Purpose

- *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.*

● God's Part:

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

● Our Part

- Add to faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, Love

● Blessings:

- Not idle or unfruitful... clear sight; never stumble; richly supplied entrance into eternal kingdom

● Peter's Goal:

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

In your Faith – Virtue

- *Motivation to take all that is required and do our very best to tackle and master it*
- *Sell all that we have to buy the field*
- *Seek first God's kingdom and righteousness*
- *Where you treasures is ... There is your heart*
- *Run in such a way that you might win*
- *Forgetting what lies behind ... Stretching*
- *Glory that he understands and knows Me*
- *Lay aside every weight ... Run with patience*

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*

Our Attitude toward Learning is Key

- God sees those who want to know as fair-minded and noble:
- *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 faith comes by hearing and learning we cannot be useful for the master without knowledge.

How Do We 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

- Learn the Truth and be made free.
- This is the difference between being in the light or being in the darkness.

Knowledge is How the Father Draws

- *No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.*

Jn 6:44-45

- God needs our free will participation. As He teaches we must be learning.

When we Trust God we want to Learn

- *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.

Without Knowledge we are Blind

- *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*
- *Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Mt. 7:14*
- *For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor 5:7-8*
- *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2Cor 4:18*

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?

Because Things Are New

- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, things have become new. 2Cor. 5:17*

As 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*

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

It is Best to Think We must Relearn Everything!

- *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*
- Everything Relearned, Retested,
- Everything Reevaluated, Renewed