



HOW YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST DEVELOPS

Insights into Growing your Faith and Changing your Life

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2 Peter 1:2-10 (TLB)

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⁵But to obtain these gifts, you need more than faith; you must also work hard to be good, and even that is not enough. For then you must learn to know God better and discover what he wants you to do. ⁶Next, learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly, gladly letting God have his way with you. ⁷This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will grow to love them deeply. ⁸The more you go on in this way, the more you will grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But anyone who fails to go after these additions to faith is blind indeed, or at least very short-sighted and has forgotten that God delivered him from the old life of sin so that now he can live a strong, good life for the Lord.

¹⁰So, dear brothers, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen, and then you will never stumble or fall away. TLB

GOD SAVES YOU TO CHANGE YOU

2 Peter 1:2-10 (NIV)

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. ¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, ^[a]make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, NIV

LET GOD DO HIS PART – YOU DO YOUR PART

2 Peter 1:2-10 (NLT)

May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. ³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. ⁸ The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are short-sighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

¹⁰ So, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. NLT

COME AS YOU ARE BUT DON'T STAY AS YOU ARE

2 Peter 1:2-10 (TPT)

May grace and perfect peace cascade over you as you live in rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. Everything we could ever need for life a godliness has already been deposited in us by His divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing Him who have called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of His goodness. As a result of this, He has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through the power of these tremendous promises we can experience partnership with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.

So, devote yourselves to lavishly supplementing your faith with goodness, and to goodness add understanding, and to understanding add the strength of self-control, and to self-control add patience endurance, and to patient endurance, add godliness, and to godliness add mercy toward your brothers and sisters, and to your mercy toward others add unending love.

Since these virtues are already planted deep within, and you possess them in abundant supply, they will keep you from being inactive and fruitless in your pursuit of knowing Jesus Christ more intimately. But if anyone lacks these things, he is blind, constantly closing to the mysteries of our faith and forgetting his innocence – for his past sins have been washed away. For this reason, beloved ones, be eager to confirm and validate that God has invited you to salvation and claimed you as His own. If you do these things, you will never stumble.

IT COMES DOWN TO FULL SURRENDER TO JESUS

2 Peter 1:2-10 (AMP)

Grace and peace [that special sense of spiritual well-being] be multiplied to you in the [true, intimate] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through ⁴ true *and* personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises [of inexpressible value], so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become sharers of the divine nature.

⁵ For this very reason, applying your diligence [to the divine promises, make every effort] in [exercising] your faith to, ⁶ develop moral excellence, and in moral excellence, knowledge (insight, understanding), ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, steadfastness, and in *your* steadfastness, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly affection, and in *your* brotherly affection, [develop Christian] love [that is, learn to unselfishly seek the best for others and to do things for their benefit]. ⁸ For as these *qualities* are yours and are increasing [in you as you grow toward spiritual maturity], they will keep you from being useless and unproductive in regard to the true knowledge *and* greater understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these *qualities* is blind—short-sighted [closing his spiritual eyes to the truth], having become oblivious to the fact that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, believers, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you [be sure that your behavior reflects and confirms your relationship with God]; for by ¹⁰ doing these things [actively developing these virtues], you will never stumble [in your spiritual growth and will live a life that leads others away from sin]; (AMP)

HE CHANGES YOU THROUGH INTERACTION WITH HIM

2 Peter 1:2-10 (MSG)

Grace and peace to you many times over as you deepen in your experience with God and Jesus, our Master. ³⁻⁴ Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

⁵⁻¹⁰ So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books. So, friends, confirm God's invitation to you, his choice of you. Don't put it off; do it now.

OUR SALVATION IS SECURE...
OUR COMMITMENT GROWS OUT OF GRATITUDE

GROWING YOUR FAITH GOD'S WAY

2 Peter 1:2-10 (TLB)

²Do you want more and more of God's kindness and peace? Then learn to know him better and better.

- **Spend time learning to know God better.**

³For as you know him better, he will give you, through his great power, everything you need for living a truly good life: he even shares his own glory and his own goodness with us!

- **Through a deeper relationship with Jesus – He through His power, keeps changing you.**

⁴And by that same mighty power he has given us all the other rich and wonderful blessings he promised; for instance, the promise to save us from the lust and rottenness all around us, and to give us his own character.

- **His power through our surrender brings change in the hardest areas.**

⁵But to obtain these gifts, you need more than faith; you must also work hard to be good, and even that is not enough. For then you must learn to know God better and discover what he wants you to do.

- **Hard work is your commitment to spend time with Jesus – learning what He wants for you**

⁶Next, learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly, gladly letting God have his way with you.

- **Growth is letting God have His way with you – Putting Jesus First in Everything**

⁷This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will grow to love them deeply.

- **Letting Jesus lead and guide you changes all your relationships**

⁸The more you go on in this way, the more you will grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **This pattern is GROWTH – You living more and more like Jesus**

⁹But anyone who fails to go after these additions to faith is blind indeed, or at least very short-sighted and has forgotten that God delivered him from the old life of sin so that now he can live a strong, good life for the Lord.

- **Remember what He has done for you – He covered your sin with His death**

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- **Be committed to live the JESUS DIFFERENCE – surrendering to Him every day!**

