

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

2 PETER CHAPTER 1:5-9

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2 Peter 1:5-9

But **also for this very reason, giving all diligence**, add to your **faith virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**, **6** to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **perseverance**, to perseverance **godliness**, **7** to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness **love**. **8** For **if these things are yours and abound**, you will be neither **barren** nor **unfruitful** in the **knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** For **he who lacks these things** is **shortsighted**, even to **blindness**, and has **forgotten** that he was **cleansed** from his **old** sins.

In the very concept of what life is, the idea of life, what is observable life, the reality of life - - is the expected measurement of growth and maturity.

This Past Week

Everything that is alive is expected to grow and to mature.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/worlds-largest-trees-1343510>

<https://www.treehugger.com/natural-sciences/16-spectacular-facts-about-giant-sequoias.html>

Sequoia Seed on Finger

<http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-7w3TIMDvec4/VjluekU50zI/AAAAAAAAABUk/MkwdHhKoOfE/s1600/Sequoia-Seed-on-Fingertip.jpg>

General Sherman Sequoia- Largest Living Thing on Earth.

https://images.mentalfloss.com/sites/default/files/styles/insert_main_wide_image/public/General_Sherman_Tree_2013.jpg

Consuming 1,000 gallons of water every 24 hours,
that's over 3.5 million gallons in a year!

Maturity and Completion

Michelangelo's "David"

Regarded as the most anatomically perfect representation of the male human body

The Total or Complete Man.

This is the will of God for your life – to be total, complete – it is the doctrine of sanctification, the setting of you (1) apart from this world and (2) the placing of you into the kingdom life of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:3a

For this is the **will** of God, your **sanctification**:

Will grk: God's desired purpose, effect, outcome

Sanctification grk: hagiasmos; separated-ness, sacred, sacredness, sacrament.

The Capitol of California is “Sacramento” – Sacred-Mento

A place dedicated to God.

A place set apart for God. A place especially blessed by God.

Peter is going to take, head-on, the issue of:

false teachers, false prophets and false churches...

100% Sanctification – Guaranteed!

1.) Means that we co-operate with God

vs. 5-7

5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith

“For this very Reason...”

(that is: what Peter just said in verses 1 to 4)

This statement is encouraging us to, challenging us to,
demanding of us to... Give All Diligence

The idea that we're to “co-operate with God” in our Christian experience was forever made prominent by Jesus Himself...

John 15:5-8

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides** in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not **abide** in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you **abide** in Me, and My words **abide** in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

This “add or adding” to your faith means that we are to be experiencing a systematic development as believers from anyone of these definitions of the Christian life – to another...

Giving grk: pareisphero. to bring into or to deliver to, to give 100% effort to supply or to apply. (An action word; demanding the whole person)

Diligence grk; spoude; (This is also an action word; demanding the whole person. Dedication to “haste, zeal, strength, and earnestness.”)

2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, be even more **diligent** to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

The “encoded” DNA of the Christian is to grow.
Maturity is the believer’s passion.

A.W. Tozer wrote:

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

C.S. Lewis wrote:

“How God thinks of us is not only more important, but is infinitely more important. Indeed, how we think of Him is of no importance except in so far as it is related to **how He thinks of us.**”

In reality, these 2 statements are not in opposition, but are symbiotic.
- They complement one another.

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, *“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”* :14 So they said, *“Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”* :15 He said to them, *“But who do you say that I am?”* :16 Simon Peter answered and said, *“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”* :17 Jesus answered and said to him, *“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

**100% Sanctification Guaranteed
Means That We Cooperate With God**

1a.) With a greater understanding

vs. 5a

Verse 5a

giving all diligence, add to your faith

...**virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**,

Virtue grk: arete; “**Ares**” the Greek god of war. Possessing a tenacity, a moral courage. One who stands in the face of opposition. One who will not leave the war. That which leads to boldness / being fearless. Having an unwavering conviction / a set course of action until the war is won.

My morality is not because I have to be good

or better, it's because I love and I am in awe of Him.

Knowledge grk: gnosis; a hands-on knowing, to know by understanding through experience.

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

The true born-again follower of Jesus Christ will not

be led astray by another religion or another gospel or another Christ.

Moving On From The Doctrine of Salvation.

(far too many Christians are stuck here - stunted)

The Sanctifying Work of God is Sure & Certain.

There is the Past Tense Aspect of Our Sanctification.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you **have been saved** through faith,

There is the Present Tense Aspect of Our Sanctification.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.

There is the Future Tense Aspect of Our Sanctification.

Romans 5:9

Much more than, having now been justified by His blood,
we **shall be saved...**

In growing up – we grow upon – we grow out

Hebrews 6:1-3

So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. **2** You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. **3** And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

End of Study

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