

## II Peter – Chapter One

v.1,2 – Greeting establishing that Peter is the author writing to those who have accepted the call of God to glorious righteousness in Christ Jesus, precious faith.

v.3,4 – His divine power has given us everything we need to live this rich wonderful life in a godly way. We lack nothing. We have this by the knowledge of him, or by knowing him (more and more), who has called us by his glory and excellence (to glory and virtue): By which through the fulfillment of these great and precious promises, we can be partakers (now) of the divine nature, and escape from lustful, corruption of this world.

v.5-7 – For this reason (and beside this) be diligent to support (add to) your faith with virtue (moral excellence, goodness of life); support virtue with knowledge (experiential knowledge with Christ and the word; spiritual understanding of God’s truth); to knowledge temperance (self-control, discipline in using time, curbing human appetites, sacrificial living, discipline in prayer, in studying the word); to temperance patience (endurance, perseverance in persecution and adversity, strength of character, bearing and pressing forward); support temperance with godliness (more and more like God in character); support godliness with brotherly kindness; support brotherly kindness with love, which supports it all.

v.8-11 – If these things be in you and abound (richly, full) then you will be effective and fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, being able to successfully practice what you know. One who does not, is spiritually myopic and has not realized that in order to live the life the Lord wants you to live, you must believe that you have been purged from sin to lead a holy life. So prove your calling and election by allowing these things to abound in your life and you will not fall and the way has been made for you to into the everlasting kingdom of the Lord.

v.12-15 – Peter just wants to stir them up by reminding them of these things, even if they know them. He knows that he will die soon.

v.16-18 – He did not make any of this up; not fables. He witnessed it firsthand, walking with Jesus, even hearing God’s voice on the mount say “ this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

v.19-21 – But also the word of God prophetically supports the truth of the gospel; no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (not individual human ingenuity or invention) but the prophets wrote down what the Holy Ghost said.