

# **2 Peter 1:5 - 7**

## **Remembering Truth When it Really Counts**

***“... a primer to guard against false teaching”***  
**Understanding Our Faith (Part 2)**

### **Back to the Basics: Our Journey - To Become More Like Him**

#### **Questions for Discussion & Reflection**

*Answer the following questions and please be prepared to share with the larger group...*

1. Read 2 Peter 1:5 – 7. When Peter begins this section with “*now for this very reason also*”, what reason was this?
2. What is the significance in Peter’s exhortation to “*apply all diligence*” in this? What do you think he means by that?
3. What are the seven virtues that Peter says we need to pursue in our lives to become more like Jesus?
4. What do each of these mean and how do they help us in our journey towards “*partaking of the divine nature*”?

## Understanding Our Faith - Back to the Basics (1:2b – 11)

- Our Quest (Part 1)
  - *To Know Our God* (1:2b – 4)
- **Our Journey (Part 2)**
  - ***To Become More Like Him* (1:5 – 7)**
- Our Results (Part 3)
  - *To Achieve Success* (1:8 – 11)

### Today's Learning Objectives:

To understand \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue in our lives to become more like \_\_\_\_\_...

## 2 Peter 1:5 – 7

God's \_\_\_\_\_ (5a)

<sup>5</sup> Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply

Our \_\_\_\_\_ (5b-7)

... moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

### Our Prescription (5a)

*"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply"*

- *"Now for this very reason also"* – what reason was this?
  - Verse 3 – because we have received "\_\_\_\_\_ *pertaining to life and godliness*"
  - Verse 4 – because of all the *"precious and magnificent* " \_\_\_\_\_ " God has given to us

- “*Applying all diligence*” – even though God, through Christ, has granted us a perfect and complete salvation, He also exhorts that we respond with everything we have in “\_\_\_\_\_” for Christ (Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:28-29)
  - “*Applying*” – means to “to bring in” or “to “\_\_\_\_\_” besides”
  - “*Diligence*” – we are to do what follows with a sense of “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_” alongside a sense of “\_\_\_\_\_” (Proverbs 4:23; 12:27; Romans 12:8, 11)
- “*Supply*” – derived from the concept of “\_\_\_\_\_”
  - It is one who “willingly” and “generously” or “lavishly” provides everything needed for a team to do a \_\_\_\_\_
  - We need to seriously pursue with everything we have that which confirms, assures or makes us \_\_\_\_\_ in our salvation

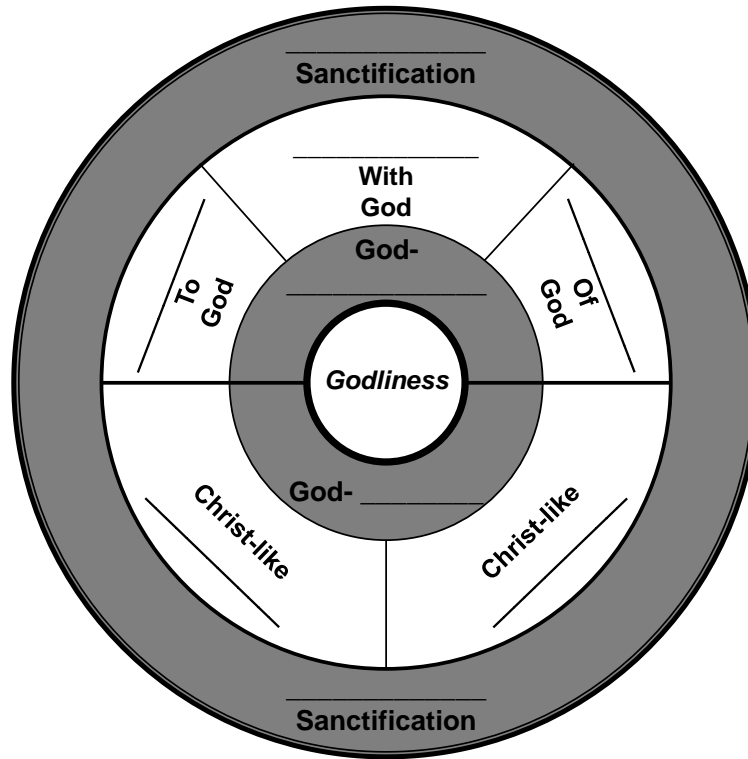
### **Our Pursuit (5b-7)**

*“... moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.”*

- “\_\_\_\_\_” (1x)
  - This phrase uses the distinctive word in classical Greek for “\_\_\_\_\_”
  - It was such a \_\_\_\_\_ term that it was used for divinely endowed moral heroism manifested in heroic, courageous deeds
  - It came to encompass the most outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ quality in someone’s life (2 Peter 1:3); that could be one’s obsession for knowing \_\_\_\_\_ or living in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chronicles 16:9; Ruth 3:11; Psalm 119:9-11; Proverbs 4:23; Philippians 3:10, 14; 2 Corinthians 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 10)

- “\_\_\_\_\_” (153x)
  - This is not knowledge about the world and all that is in it
  - This is meant to refer to knowing divine truth that is the foundation or “\_\_\_\_\_” for discernment and wisdom; it is the “*true \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Romans 5:14; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 5:8, 16-17; Colossians 1:9-10; 3:9-10)
  - This is the truth properly understood and applied
  - Francis Schaeffer’s question: “How then should we live?”
  - The sense here is that I can’t really understand life as we know it unless I am in the process of having my mind illuminated and accurately enlightened about the real truth from the \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is the process of “acquiring the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16)
- “\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_” (7x)
  - This literally means to “hold oneself in” (Galatians 5:18, 23-25)
  - It was used of athletes who sought self-discipline and self-restraint and mastering their bodies into \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
  - They would also abstain from rich foods, wine, and sexual activity in order to \_\_\_\_\_ all their strength and attention on their training regimen
  - This is the discipline in our lives to make the right \_\_\_\_\_ for the right \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 3:5-6; Acts 24:25; Hebrews 5:14)
- “\_\_\_\_\_” (21x)
  - This word connotes patience and endurance in doing what is right in the midst of resisting \_\_\_\_\_ and being steadfast during \_\_\_\_\_ and difficulties that stretch over extended time
  - Psalm 51:10; Isaiah 26:3; Romans 5:3-4; 15:4-5; Colossians 1:11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12; James 1:4)

- “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (15x)
  - This means \_\_\_\_\_ of God; a \_\_\_\_\_ view
  - Those who have it properly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God



- *Why Develop Godliness?*
  - Paul instructed Timothy that such reverence towards God is the highest priority for both its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ value  
(1 Timothy 4:7-10)
  - A life \_\_\_\_\_ on God will result in a passion to \_\_\_\_\_ Him
  - A life centered on God will always result in Christ-like \_\_\_\_\_ which pleases Him
  - Christ-like character will produce Christ-like \_\_\_\_\_ which also pleases Him (1 Timothy 6:11)
  - The development of godliness in believers will grow as we see the “day drawing near” (2 Peter 3:10 – 12)

- “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (3x; 42x)
  - This horizontal virtue flows out of our \_\_\_\_\_ reverence for God in every area of life
  - Stitched together, these words refer to our “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” or our “affection” for other believers (1 Peter 1:22)
- “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (312x)
  - Our desire to be devoted to one another flows from “love” which is the \_\_\_\_\_ virtue of all (Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 6:10)
  - This is the sacrificial, selfless love of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Love for others is \_\_\_\_\_ from our love for God; they are directly \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:19; Psalm 16:3; Colossians 3:12; 2 Corinthians 4:14-15, 18, 20-21)