

**Remembering
Truth When it
Really Counts**
*"... a primer to
guard against false
teaching by..."*

Understanding Our Faith (1:2b – 11)

**Back to the Basics: Our Quest,
Journey & Results**



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2 Peter

Remembering Truth when it really Counts

- Introduction & Salutation (1:1 – 2a)
Author, Background, Destination & Recipients, Date & Place of Writing, Context & Themes, & Outline

Guard Against False Teaching By...

- Understanding Our Faith (1:2b – 11)
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- Understanding Our Scriptures (1:12–21)
Our Reminder, Our Eyewitnesses & Inspiration
- Understanding Our Adversaries (2:1–22)
Their Infiltration, Iniquity, Impurity & Impact
- Understanding Our Promise (3:1–18)
Its Certainty & Power

"This second letter, beloved, I now write to you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder that you remember the words spoken..."

2 Peter 3:1-2

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 - *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)*



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Our Quest: To Know Our God (1:2b – 4)

Our Passion (2c)

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

God's Sufficiency (3-4a)

³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises...

His Power (3a)

His Provision (3b)

His Procurement (3c)

His Promises (4a)

God's Purpose (4b)

... in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature...

Our Part (4c)

... having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust

In Summary...

As we passionately pursue knowing God
through His precious and magnificent promises and...



lean fully into the power of His resurrection...

we have everything we need to please God!

As we decide to run from the lusts of the world
that corrupt and deceive our souls...

We will become more like Christ!



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Back to Basics: *Our Journey*



Learning Objectives:

To understand what to pursue in our lives to become more like Jesus...

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Our Journey: To Become More Like Him (1:5 – 7)

⁵ Now for this very reason also,
applying all diligence, in your faith
supply moral excellence, and in your
moral excellence, knowledge;

⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control,
and in your self-control, perseverance,
and in your perseverance, godliness;

⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly
kindness, and in your brotherly
kindness, love.

God's Prescription (5a)

Our Pursuit (5b-7)

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God's 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 *“everything pertaining to life and godliness”*
 - **Verse 4** – because of all the *“precious and magnificent promises”* 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 living for Christ (**Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 1:28-29**)
 - *“Applying”* – means to “to bring in” or “to supply besides”
 - *“Diligence”* – we are to do what follows with a sense of “zeal” or “eagerness” alongside a sense of urgency (**Proverbs 4:23; 12:27; Romans 12:8, 11**)

Our Prescription (5a)

- “*Supply*” – derived from the concept of “choirmaster”
 - It is one who “willingly” and “generously” or “lavishly” provides everything needed for a team to do a job
 - We need to seriously pursue with everything we have that which confirms, assures or makes us confident 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.”

- “Moral excellence” (1 x)
 - This phrase uses the distinctive word in classical Greek for “virtue”
 - It was such a lofty term that it was used for divinely endowed moral heroism manifested in heroic, courageous deeds
 - It came to encompass the most outstanding character quality in someone’s life (2 Peter 1:3); that could be one’s obsession for knowing God or living in integrity or purity (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)

Our Pursuit (5b-7)

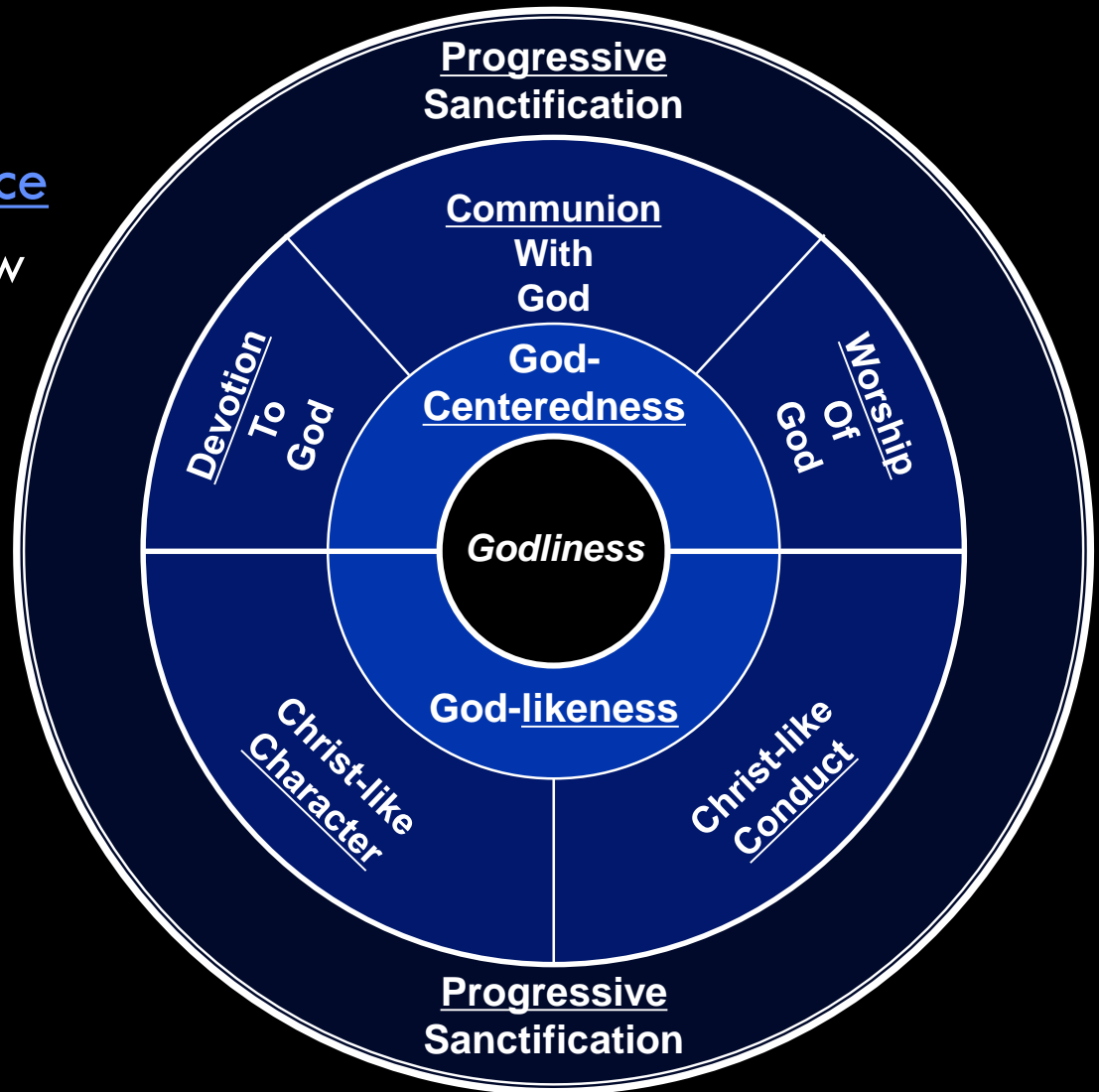
- “Knowledge” (153x)
 - This is not knowledge about the world and all that is in it
 - This is meant to refer to knowing divine truth that is the foundation or “grid” for discernment and wisdom; it is the “*true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Romans 5:14; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 5:8, 16-17; 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 Scriptures
 - It is the process of “acquiring the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16)

Our Pursuit (5b-7)

- “Self-control” (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 submission (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
 - They would also abstain from rich foods, wine, and sexual activity in order to focus all their strength and attention on their training regimen
 - This is the discipline in our lives to make the right decisions for the right reasons (Proverbs 3:5-6; Acts 24:25; Hebrews 5:14)
- “Perseverance” (21x)
 - This word connotes patience and endurance in doing what is right in the midst of resisting temptations and being steadfast during trials 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)

Our Pursuit (5b-7)

- “Godliness” (15x)
 - This means reverence of God; a high view
 - Those who have it properly honor and adore God



Our Pursuit (5b-7)

- *Why Develop Godliness?*
 - Paul instructed Timothy that such reverence towards God is the highest priority for both its present and eternal value (1 Timothy 4:7-10)
 - A life centered on God will result in a passion to please Him
 - A life centered on God will always result in Christ-like character which pleases Him
 - Christ-like character will produce Christ-like conduct 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)

Our Pursuit (5b-7)

- “Brotherly kindness” (3x; 42x)
 - This horizontal virtue flows out of our vertical reverence for God in every area of life
 - Stitched together, these words refer to our “devotion” or our “affection” for other believers (1 Peter 1:22)
- “Love” (31 2x)
 - Our desire to be devoted to one another flows from “love” which is the highest 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 will
 - Love for others is inseparable from our love for God; they are directly proportional (1 John 4:19; Psalm 16:3; Colossians 3:12; 2 Corinthians 4:14-15, 18, 20-21)



In Summary...

Because we have been given
everything we need for life and godliness
along with God's love letter...

as we are in the process of diligently pursuing
what God has prescribed for us...

Lavish love

moral excellence, knowledge, self-control,
perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love...

- 1 John 3:1

We will lavishly supply confirmation to our souls
as to the assurance of our salvation!!

