



EXILES - A Study Through 1st & 2nd Peter – 2 Peter 1:5-11

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Week of February 20th, 2022

Question 1 // Read **2 Peter 1:5-11**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

Question 2 // Peter calls his readers - ancient and modern - to supplement their faith with a number of Christ-like qualities in verses five through seven. Those he names are: virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. **What does Peter mean when he calls us to make every effort to supplement your faith with these qualities? What is the danger in mis-interpreting this call? Which of the qualities would you say is a focus for you right now in your walk? Which would say needs to be a focus in your walk?** Take some time to give ways that these are practically activated in our lives.

Question 3 // In addressing the doctrine of election, Bill said "Every one of us was running away from God and toward hell in our unregenerate state. By grace, God changes our disposition toward Him, transforming our hearts of stone that war against His love into hearts of flesh that desire His love and salvation. When God chooses to save someone, His will cannot be thwarted, but it's not because He's cruel. It's because He's full of amazing saving grace, desiring to save the sinner." **How does the doctrine of election help us better understand God's unmerited grace towards His people? How does the doctrine of election lead us to live more mission-minded in our day-to-day lives?**

Question 4 // The qualities mentioned in this passage are vital to the life of every believer. Peter tells us that **if you practice these qualities you will never fall.** (2 Peter 1:10) Peter is talking about the assurance of faith. If we have truly been called to Him - there is nothing that we can do to truly fall from Him. Our salvation is secured in the work of Christ; not in our own. Verse eleven is clear: **For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** Does the prospect of heaven motivate you to live for Christ now? Is so, explain. If not, how can you gain this motivation?

Reflection & Prayer

Pray and ask the Lord to enable us to remain diligent in living lives that confirm our calling and election. Ask Him to graciously supplement our faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, brotherly affection, and love in order for those around us who are lost to come to know Him as their Lord and Savior.