

2 Peter 1:1-11

Magnify the LORD

- We are changed/We are Changing/Growing/We can hinder Change/Growth

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ

- Addressed to True Believers

We have been Changed
We are not the same person we were before we met Jesus

2 Grace and **peace be multiplied** to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to **life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and **precious promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption [depravity] that is in the world through lust.

- **Peter borrows** intro most unlikely person...Nebuchadnezzar
 1. Daniel interprets Nebs dream: Pride then fall.
 2. Wilderness 7 years. Repents. God makes him whole/Restores Kingdom

Daniel 4:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: **Peace be multiplied to you.**

- **He had been changed.** We have been changed. New Creation
- **We now know God.** The more we know Him the more we continue change

IOWs God has given us all we need to grow and flourish...

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| 1. Wisdom | How to live life. | What godliness looks like as found in the Word |
| 2. Promises | Power to live it. | Partake nature of God/Escape corruption of world |

We have been changed. **We are changing...**

5 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 [patience], 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 [useless] nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **For this reason**
 1. Since you have all you need to grow...GROW. No excuse
 2. Allow the Spirit to make us more like God/Less like the world
- **Saved by Faith:** Just the start. Be diligent to add to it
- **Diligent:** Strive/Give care to. rt. Make haste to see these changes in your life

- **Signs of Life**
- **Add to Faith...**

1. Virtue	Moral excellence. Truth/Righteousness.	Add...
2. Knowledge	Deeper knowledge of Jesus/Word of God/Show approved.	Add...
3. Self-Control	Master desires/passions. Vessel. Sin crouching master it.	Add...
4. Patience	Steadfastness/Endurance. rt. Suffer.	Add...
5. Godliness	Fear of God as demonstrate in holiness. Rt. devout/dutiful.	Add...
6. Bro Kind	gr. Philadelphia. Cherish one another. Excellent ones.	Add...
7. Love	gr. Agape Affection/Good will/Song Solomon first mention.	Done

- These changes naturally/supernaturally accumulate as we yield our will to the power of the Spirit/do what He says

2 Corinthians 3:18 [We behold...] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as **by the Spirit of the Lord.**

We have been changed...We are changing
We can hinder Change...

9 For he who **lacks these things** is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was **cleansed from his old sins.**

When our knowledge of the Word of God begins to trump our love for the God of the Word...we stop growing. When we forget where God has brought us from and begin to think we arrived we stop growing. When we fail to remember it was God alone who pulled us out of the filth we cried out to Him from...**we will stop growing.** [NJC]

**So what? Without noticeable growth/Signs of life
 We will question our Salvation...**

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

- **Therefore:** Get up and get going. Wakeup call from Peter who would know
- **Make our calling/election sure?** Without growth no felt assurance of Salvation
- **IOWs:** Those that are saved will act like it. Faith without works is dead

If you do these things [vv 5-7] **you will never stumble...**
 Notice, not if you *think about doing* these things...if you **do them**

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**Note: Never about trying harder but giving over/receiving power
 If you belong to Jesus, you have His Spirit who sanctifies as we cooperate**

- He has given us the tools/All we need for life/godliness/growing/flourishing

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Only when we live it out will we enjoy full assurance of Eternal Salvation

10b... For if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an **entrance will be supplied to you abundantly** into the **everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**