

Certain Calling and Election

2 Peter 1:8-15 | Paul Bauman

Four Motivations

- ❖ The word Peter uses for “knowledge” in this text is less academic and more relational. It actually involves “a firsthand experience of relational intimacy with God through abiding faith in Christ.”
- 1. We will experience an increasing ability to think and act like Jesus.
- 2. The neglect of our spiritual growth leaves us vulnerable to false teaching and the impulses of our flesh.
 - a) Spiritually nearsighted – live only for the present; fail to see the corruption in the world and become susceptible to its desires.
 - b) Blind – the spiritual realities of Christ’s return and judgment are forgotten and forsaken.
 - c) Forgetful – forget we have been cleansed from past sins because of the grace and mercy God showed us in Christ.
- 3. My calling and election are confirmed through fruit that is consistent with my new nature.
- 4. It keeps us centered on the life-changing and certain truth of the gospel.

A Clear Indicator

- ❖ My behavior is the basis by which I feel loved and accepted by God and others.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Newcomer Lunch Today: Looking to get connected at Hillcrest? The Newcomer Lunch is an opportunity to enjoy lunch together, meet people in the church, and learn about ways to get connected. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45AM.

The Membership Class is a great opportunity to hear more about who we are, what we believe, and what membership at Hillcrest looks like. Our next class is **Saturday, October 3 from 9–11 AM**. Scan the QR or stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up.



Intro to Gospel Community: Ready to take a step toward deeper community at Hillcrest? This **three-week class** will help you understand what Gospel Community looks like, meet others seeking community, and explore opportunities to join or form a group. **The class begins Wednesday, October 14, from 6:45–7:45 PM** at Pastor Paul and Suzie's home. Space is limited. Scan the QR or stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up!

Care & Counseling Pastor Position: The elders have commissioned a team to begin the search for Hillcrest’s next Care & Counseling Pastor. This pastor will help strengthen Hillcrest’s care and counseling ministry by equipping and overseeing lay leaders while also providing direct care and counseling as needed. Please pray for the search team, the person God may be preparing for this role, and the Spirit’s guidance throughout the search process. You can pick up a copy of the job description at the Welcome Desk.

Party at the Park: Come hang out with us at Moffitt Park on Sunday, October 11 from 5-7:30 PM! We'll have soup, bread, desserts, yard games, and plenty of time to connect and enjoy the evening together. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and invite your friends and neighbors to come along!

Project Now Update

Received & Committed: \$307,309



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WIFI: Proverbs3:5-6