



Daily Verse and Comment

2 Peter 1:2-8

(2) Grace and peace be multiplied to you in *the* knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, (3) According 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 *His own* glory and virtue; (4) Through which He has given to us the greatest and *most* precious promises, that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in *the* world through lust. (5) And for this very reason also, having applied all diligence besides, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; (6) And to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, endurance; and to endurance, godliness; (7) And to godliness, brotherly love; and to brotherly love, the love *of God*. (8) For *if* these things exist and abound in you, they *will* cause *you to be* neither lacking effort nor lacking fruit in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Faithful Version

He mentions that, since the Father and Christ have given us so much—even allowing us to share in God's nature—we should strive to add to our [faith](#). Just believing that [God](#) is and that He has forgiven our sins is not enough ([James 2:19](#)). Among other things, we must grow in these qualities: virtue, knowledge, [self-control](#), perseverance, godliness, brotherly [kindness](#), and [love](#). If we work to instill these godly attributes into our characters, we will be producing the kind of fruit that God wants to see in us ([John 15:1-8](#)).

Peter concludes his instruction in verses 10-11: "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior [Jesus Christ](#) ." Spiritual growth and producing fruit are what make our calling sure. Our maturity as Christians is based upon us zealously, diligently working to move our conversion along.

What is real conversion? It is the transformation of our characters, our intellects, our emotions, our actions, our words, and our very thoughts, from the evil way inspired by [Satan](#) and man's carnal nature into the divine nature—the very nature of God Himself!

So, how much like God are we? How straight and true is our trajectory to putting on the image of Christ ([Romans 8:29](#))? How much of the old man have we put off, and how much of the new man have we put on ([Colossians 3:9-10](#))? Are we growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ ([II Peter 3:18](#))? Are we cooperating with God in being transformed to His image ([Romans 12:2](#))? Are we making becoming more like Christ a daily goal ([Luke 9:23](#))?

Though the Corinthians had their problems with carnality—as we all do—they worked to overcome them and began growing. Paul's final words to them in his second epistle should encourage us as we "work out [our] own salvation" ([Philippians 2:12](#)): "Finally, brethren, farewell. *Become complete*. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in [peace](#); and the God of love and peace will be with you. . . . The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" ([II Corinthians 13:11](#), 14).

— Richard T. Ritenbaugh

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