



 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: 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,



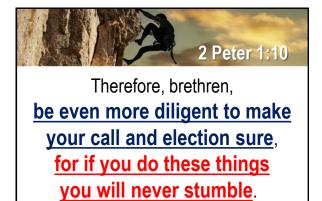
and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,
6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, 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 nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is short-sighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.



10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, 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.





Make your **<u>Calling</u>** and <u>**Election**</u> sure.

- 1. Growing <u>Relationship</u> with God. [v1-4]
- 2. <u>Supplement</u> your faith with 7 key traits. [v5-11]



How Not To Fall? Make your <u>Calling</u> and <u>Election</u> sure. Growing <u>Relationship</u> with God.

1. This means we grow in our <u>Knowledge-Experience</u> of God.

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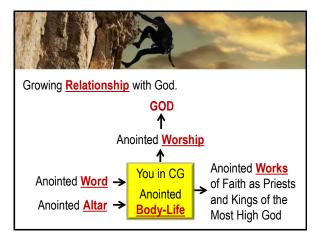
2. This will result in a life overflowing with the <u>Grace</u> and <u>Peace</u> of God.

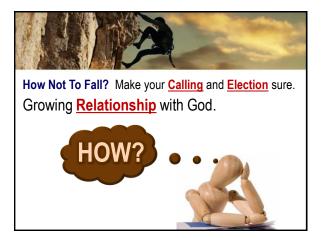
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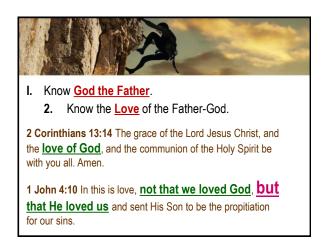


1. To know means to **Participate** and to **Experience**.

Exodus 34:6-7

6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, **merciful** and **gracious**, **longsuffering**, and **abounding in goodness** and **truth**,

7 **keeping mercy** for thousands, **forgiving** iniquity and transgression and sin, ...





- I. Know God the Father.
 - Know that the Father-God is the Giver of every good and <u>Perfect</u> gift.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.



I. Know God the Father.

4. Consequently, we must know the <u>Source</u> of our trials, pains and sufferings.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this,

that he understands and <u>knows Me</u>, <u>that I am</u> <u>the Lord, exercising lovingkindness</u>, <u>judgment</u>, <u>and righteousness</u> in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.



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Luke 11:11-13

11 If a son asks for <u>bread</u> from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for <u>a fish</u>, will he give him <u>a serpent</u> instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him <u>a</u> <u>scorpion</u>? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, <u>how much more</u> will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"



II. Know the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:2b (NIV) ... through the <u>knowledge</u> God and of Jesus our Lord.



- II. Know the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Know the <u>Word</u> of God.
 - A. To build Faith.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Romans 10:17 So then <u>faith</u> comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



B. To weigh our <u>Attitudes</u> and <u>Motivations</u>.

Hebrews 4:12 For the <u>Word of God</u> is <u>living and powerful</u>, and <u>sharper than any two-edged sword</u>, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**.

> Carnal Fleshly Response OR Christ-like Spirit-led Response



Know the <u>Word</u> of God.
 C. To wield as our <u>Spiritual Weapon</u>.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the <u>Sword of the Spirit</u>, which is the <u>Word of God</u>



- II. Know the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Know that in Christ, we have <u>Right Standing</u> with God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that <u>we might become the righteousness of God in Him</u>.



- II. Know the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Know that the Lord Jesus is full of grace <u>AND</u> truth.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, <u>full of grace and truth</u>.



4. We must grow in Christ-likeness to be <u>Un-offendable</u>.

Luke 17:1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no <u>offenses</u> should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!



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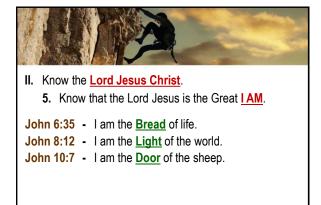
Matthew 24:10-12 (KJV) Then shall many be <u>offended</u>, and shall <u>betray</u> one another, and shall <u>hate</u> one another .. And because iniquity shall abound, the <u>love</u> of many shall <u>wax cold</u>.



Un-offendable

To be un-offendable, we must process the incident in a <u>Christ-like</u> manner i.e. according to the <u>Word</u> and Revelation of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>.







- 5. Know that the Lord Jesus is the Great **IAM**.
- John 10:11 I am the <u>Good Shepherd</u>. John 11:25 - I am the <u>Resurrection</u> and the <u>Life</u>.
- John 14:6 I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- John 15:1 I am the True Vine.



III. Know the Holy Spirit - His Divine Power.

2 Peter 1:3a His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life ...



Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the <u>Scriptures</u> nor the <u>power</u> of God.



1. The Holy Spirit is in perfect, complete unity with the <u>Word</u> of God.

A. He reveals the Word of God as the **Spirit of Truth**.

John 16:13 However, when He, the <u>Spirit of truth</u>, has come, He will guide you into <u>all truth</u>; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.





- III. Know the Holy Spirit His Divine Power.
 - Know the Holy Spirit as our <u>Alongsider -</u> <u>Comforter</u>.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that <u>your body</u> is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?



2. Know the Holy Spirit as our Alongsider - Comforter.

John 14:16-18

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another <u>Helper</u>, <u>that He may abide with you forever</u>—
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for <u>He dwells with you and will be in you</u>.
18 <u>I will not</u> leave you orphans; <u>I will come to you</u>.



III. Know the <u>Holy Spirit</u> - His <u>Divine Power</u>.3. Know the Holy Spirit as our <u>Power</u>.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** and of love and of a sound mind.



to <u>fear</u>, but you received the <u>Spirit of adoption</u> by whom we cry out, "<u>Abba</u>, <u>Father</u>." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are <u>children of God</u> ...



Know the Holy Spirit as our <u>Power</u>.
 B. To enable us to <u>Walk in Victory</u>.

Romans 8:1-2

1 There is therefore now <u>no condemnation</u> to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me <u>free from the law of sin</u> <u>and death</u>.



Know the Holy Spirit as our <u>Power</u>.
 C. To empower us to <u>Minister to Others</u>.

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone speaks, let him <u>speak as the oracles</u> of <u>God</u>. If anyone <u>ministers</u>, let him do it as <u>with the ability</u> <u>which God supplies</u>, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



IV. Know His precious Promises.

2 Peter 1:4 (NIV) Through these he has given us his very great and <u>precious promises</u>, so that through them you may <u>participate in the divine nature</u>, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



- **IV.** Know His precious <u>Promises</u>. Examples of Promises:
 - 1. Removing <u>Obstacles</u> in our lives [Proverbs 3:5-6].
 - 2. Protection [1 John 5:18; Ephesians 4:27].
 - Provision [Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Corinthians 9:10].



- **IV.** Know His precious **Promises**. Examples of Promises:
 - 4. Peace [Luke 10:5-6; John 20:21-22].
 - 5. <u>Healing and Health</u> [Psalm 107:20; Proverbs 3:8; Proverbs 4:22].
 - 6. Salvation of Household [Acts 16:31].

