#### The Knowledge of Our Faith

2 Peter 1:1-11

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## 1. The Gift of Our Faith

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 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
 To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

### *Knowledge (epignósis)* Personal, first-hand knowledge

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#### 2. The Effort of Our Faith

**5** For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,

**6** and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,

**7** and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

Virtue moral excellence applied knowledge Knowledge Self control mastery **Steadfastness** a patient enduring Godliness piety to God **Brotherly affection** love for one another love of God Love



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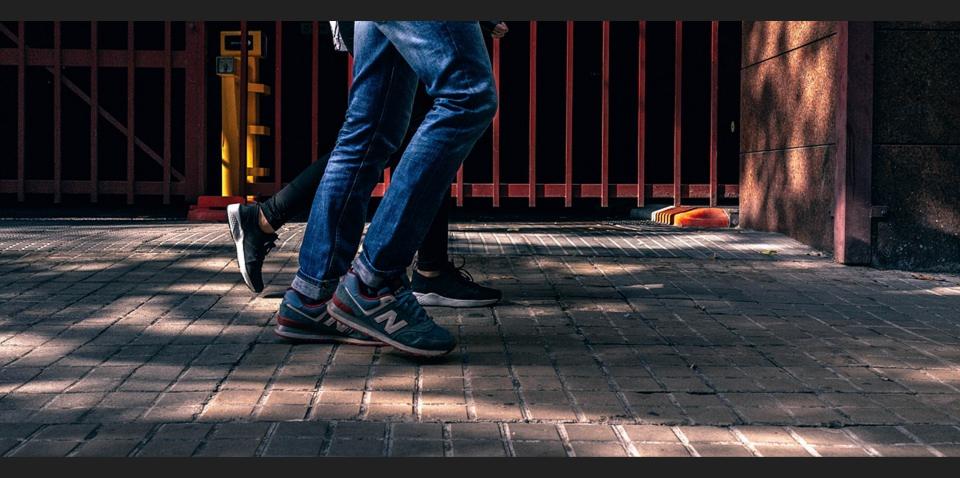
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Hebrews 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.



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#### Knowledge of God

#### Life and Godliness

# Strive to add these things





#### Corrie ten Boom (1892–1983)

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I have sinned against You. I am so sorry for the things I have done wrong to others and to You. Please forgive me.

I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I now turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour.

In Jesus Name, amen.