



## To Make Your Calling Sure

2 Peter 1:1-11

***Our Prayer*** Heavenly Father, you always give good gifts. You gave us the greatest gift as you gave your only Son and he gave his own life to rescue us from our sins. You have given us the gift of faith that clings to all your promises. You have given us your Word to nurture our faith and cause it to grow. You have given us the gift of your servant Peter, and his voice and style to communicate your own Word. Lead us to always be thankful for these gifts. Lead us to make use of these gifts so that we will continually grow in the knowledge of Christ. Be with us and bless our study of your precious Word. Amen.

### ***Introduction***

Chapter 1, verses 1-2

#### Think About It...

1. What is precious to you?
2. How do your actions show this is precious to you?

#### Know It.

- The Author
- The Audience
- The Time

#### Grow In It!

1. What does it mean for you that you have received a “precious” faith?
2. Why is it fitting for Peter to pray that grace and peace come to his audience through the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ?

## ***God's Power and Promises***

Chapter 1, verses 3-4

### Think About It...

1. Define "Power"
2. Define "Divine Power"

### Know It.

1. In verse 3 to whom is all the credit given?
2. What does it mean that God "called us by his own glory and goodness"?
3. Take 1 minute to list off as many "great and precious promises" from God as you can think of?
4. How do God's promises enable us to participate in the "divine nature" and escape the "corruption" of the world?

### Grow In It!

1. Where do you find the "everything you need for life" that God has given you?
2. "Participate" is an interesting word. In 1 Corinthians 10:16 Paul writes that the Lord's Supper is a participation in Jesus' own body and blood. As you couple that with Peter's Words here what insight do you have into the blessings God gives us in the Lord's Supper?

## ***Increase and be Productive***

Chapter 1, verse 5-9

### Think About It...

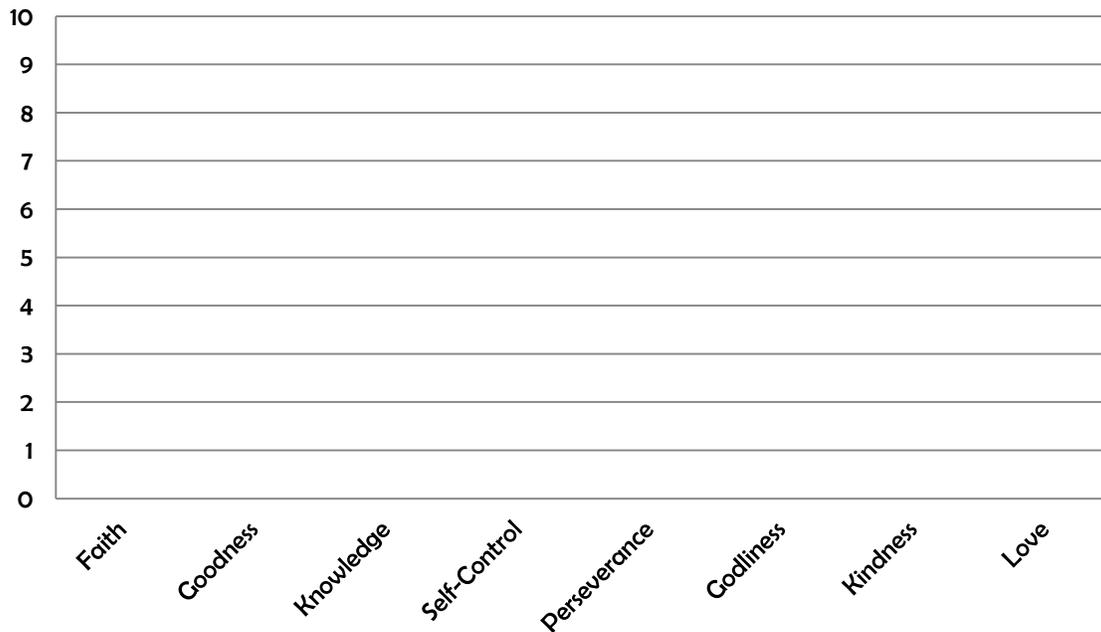
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## Know It.

1. Do you see an intentional order or pattern in the qualities that are listed in verses 5-7?
2. What is the reason that Peter wants his audience to continue to add these qualities to their faith? (v.8)
3. Why does the lack of these qualities show that a person has forgotten their sins have been forgiven?

## Grow In It!

1. Use the graph below to evaluate your own spiritual growth. Fill in a bar for each of the qualities listed on a scale of 1-10, 1 being "Weak" and 10 being "Full-Grown."



2. Looking at your personal chart, choose in which category you would like to see the most personal growth. Share with your group why you would like to grow the most in this category. (You do not need share the specifics of your chart with your group.)
3. Write a personal plan for accomplishing this particular growth. Include 1 step to do daily, within the next week, and within the next month.
  - a. Daily –
  - b. This Week –
  - c. This Month –

## *Eager to Make It Sure*

Chapter 1, verses 10-11

### Think About It...

1. What is something that you “double-check”?
2. Why?

### Know It!

1. For whose sake does Peter encourage his audience to make their calling and election sure?
2. Why is Peter able to say without a doubt: “if you do these things, you will never fall”?

### Grow In It!

1. Why does Peter need to encourage us to be “eager” to make our calling and election sure?
2. List circumstances in life in which you would want to be sure of your calling and election by God.
3. When in those circumstances, where would you turn to make sure of your calling and election?
4. Share with the group your personal favorite Bible passage to remember when in a time of need or distress.

### *Your Prayer*