

Understanding the Message of 2 Peter

2 Peter 1:3-11 (p.1298)

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Even though your circumstances may be very difficult, if you are _____ in Jesus Christ, you can live a godly life.

To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ...v.1

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God has _____ you everything you need to live a godly life: you _____ God, you have His promises, and you have a new _____!

His [God's] 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, 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. v.3,4

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (1:2)

...this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17:3)

II. Therefore, make every effort to _____!

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. v.5-7

You're saved by _____ alone, but not by a faith that is alone; the goal is to learn to live in sacrificial _____.

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son... (John 3:16)

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8)

When it comes to our salvation, we are _____—we simply receive and accept what Christ has done for us.

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When it comes to our Christian growth, we must be _____—we must work _____ God to grow into the person God wants us to be.

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Salvation is by faith and Christian growth is by _____; you have to learn to _____ the resources God has given you.

...the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

(Gal. 2:20)

You have to _____ how to live by faith: learn how to look to God, learn how to _____ His promises, learn to trust His _____ in you.

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If you are growing, you will be effective and _____ as a Christian; remember that Christ has _____ you from your sins!

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. v.8,9

The gospel is the _____ of the Christian life; remembering what Christ has done motivates, _____, and encourages you to grow.

...there will be false teachers among you... And many will follow their sensuality... (3:1,2)

Christian growth _____ that your faith is real, and it's faith in Jesus that opens the _____ into God's kingdom.

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