

The Second Epistle of Peter
The Benefits Produced by Adding to One's Faith

2 Peter 1:8-11
Part 10

I. It Produces Spiritual Health and Fruitfulness. vv.8,9

A. Stated positively. v.8

B. Stated negatively. v.9
Cf. Rev.3:17,18

II. It Produces Assurance of One's Calling and Election. v.10

A. The root of salvation.
Cf. Rom.8:28-30; 1 Cor.1:2; 2 Thess.2:13

B. The fruits of salvation.
Cf. 2 Cor.5:17; Rom.8:29; Eph.2:10; 1 Jn.2:3:10,14

C. The assurance of salvation.
Cf. Mt.7:15-21; Jn.10:27; 2 Cor.13:5; Heb.3:6,14; 1 Jn.2:3-6; 3:10,14

"God has nowhere declared that He will preserve the reckless and presumptuous. He preserves in faith and holiness and not in carnality and worldliness." A.W. Pink

III. It Produces an Abundant Entrance into Christ's Kingdom. v.11

A. The already and not yet of this kingdom.
Cf. Matt.3:17; 5:10; Lu.11:20; Rom.14:17; Col.1:13

B. The perfection and eternal nature of this kingdom.
Cf. Isa.9:6,7; Matt.25:34; Lu.1:33; 2 Pet.3:14

C. The presence of God will maximize your pleasure in this kingdom.
Cf. 1 Cor.2:9; Psa.16:11; 36:7-9; 107:8,9; Eph.2:7

"I don't believe in an after-life, so I don't have to spend my whole life fearing hell or fearing heaven even more. For whatever the tortures of hell, I think the boredom of heaven would be even worse." Isaac Asimov

"How soon do earthly lovers come to an end of their discoveries of each other's beauty; how soon do they see all there is to be seen! But in heaven there is eternal progress with new beauties always being discovered. Happiness of heaven is progressive and has various periods in which it has a new and glorious advancement and consists very much in beholding the manifestations that God makes of Himself in the work of redemption." J. Edwards

D. The absence of sin and all its consequences will maximize your pleasure in this kingdom. Cf. Rom.8:18-24; Rev.21:4