

Intro: Assurance of Salvation

III. Precious Faith - Part 2 - Its Certainty

A. The Believer's Diligence - vs 5a

1. for this very reason
 - a. exceedingly great and precious promises
 - b. all things that pertain to life and godliness
2. giving all diligence,
 - a. *pareisphero* - to bear in alongside, introduce simultaneously:--give.
 - i. God calls us to participate with Him - **Col 1:29-29**
 - ii. Implies making a strong effort, to provide something necessary.
 - iii. God calls on us to live according to our new man- 2Pe 3:14; Ro 6:22; Ga 6:9; Eph 5:8-9;
 - b. *spoude* - "speed", despatch, eagerness, earnestness:--business, (earnest) care(-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste. - motivated by a sense of urgency - 2Co 8:7
3. add to your faith
 - a. faith
 - i. salvation is by grace through faith, a work of God - Eph 2:8-10
 - ii. Sanctification is also a work of God that happens as we walk with God - Ro 5:3-5; 8:29-30; 15:13; Gal 5:22-23; Eph 2:10; 5:9; 2Th 2:13-15; Heb 6:19-20; Jas 1:2-4; 1 Pet 1:6-7; 1Jo 5:13
 - b. *epichoregeo* - to furnish besides, fully supply, aid or contribute:--add, minister (nourishment, unto).
 - i. word used for the choirmaster who was responsible for supplying everything needed for the choir. The choir master took on the duty at their own expense of collecting, maintaining, training, and equipping all that were involved in such choruses
 - ii. Believers are to supply or give lavishly their attention, energy, focus alongside all that the salvation that Christ has provided
 - **Phil 2:12-13; 3:12-16**
 - **Heb 6:11-12**

B. The Virtues Pursued - vs 5b-7

1. virtue - moral excellence
 - a. *arete* - manliness (valor), excellence (intrinsic or attributed):--praise, virtue.
 - b. used of moral heroism
 - i. the divinely endowed ability to excel in heroic, courageous deeds
 - ii. Never meant to be cloistered virtue, but that which is demonstrated in normal life
2. knowledge
 - a. refers to divine truth that is foundational to spiritual discernment and wisdom
 - b. truth properly understood and applied
 - i. related to illumination - 2 Co 4:6; having one's mind enlightened - Col 3:10
 - ii. Involves diligent study and meditation on that truth to acquire the mind of Christ - 1 Co 2:16
3. self-control,
 - a. *egkrateia* - self-control (especially continence):--temperance.

- b. lit. holding oneself in - based on the applied wisdom that knowledge brings
- 4. perseverance,
 - a. connotes patience and endurance in doing right
 - i. patience is to passive a word
 - ii. Not simple acceptance and endurance, but with forward look
 - b. **hupomone** - cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:--enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).
 - i. uncommon in classical Greek, difficult to express w/ one English word
 - ii. Used in NT, refers to remaining strong in unwelcome toil and hardship
- 5. godliness,
 - a. **eusebeia** - piety; specially, the gospel scheme:--godliness, holiness.
 - b. lit reverence of God, conveys the idea of one who properly honors and adoes God, translated true religion
- 6. brotherly kindness
 - a. the companion of affection for God is affection for others - summary of the whole law
 - b. Mt 22:38-39a "This is the first and great commandment. "And the second is like it:
- 7. love
 - a. devotion to one another flows from the highest virtue - love
 - b. inseparable from the love of God is the love of other believers - Jo 13:34; 15:12;

C. The Results Demonstrated - vs 8-9

- 1. if these things are yours and abound,
 - a. the preceding list of virtues
 - b. two pres. participle
 - i. be in you
 - **huparcho** - to begin under (quietly), come into existence (be present or at hand); expletively, to exist, behave, live.
 - refers to possessing or owning property
 - ii. Abound
 - **pleonazo** - to do, make or be more, increase; to superabound:--abound, abundant, make to increase, have over.
 - refers to possessing more than enough, even too much
- 2. you will be neither barren nor unfruitful
 - a. **argos** - inactive, unemployed; lazy, useless:--barren, idle, slow. Used in NT as useless or unemployed - 1Ti 5:13; Tit 1:12
 - b. **akarpos** - barren:--without fruit, unfruitful. Sometimes used to speak of unbelief or apostasy
 - c. in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. - one will have the capacity to pursue and fruitfully apply the shared life of Christ in everyday situations
- 3. For he who lacks these things
 - a. the one who has not diligently added to their faith - saved?/ unsaved?
 - b. is shortsighted, even to blindness- unable to discern his true spiritual condition - Isa 59:10; Rev 3:17
 - c. and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.
 - i. lit. to receive forgetfulness
 - ii. **katharismos** - a washing off, (ceremonially) ablution, (morally) expiation:--cleansing, + purge, purification(-fying).
 - making that one unable to be confident that they are saved

- Assurance is directly related to present spiritual service/ obedience

D. The benefits Promised - vs 10-11

1. Therefore - b/c of vs 9,
2. be even more diligent,
 - a. looking back to vs 5
 - b. *spoudazo* - to use speed, to make effort, be prompt or earnest:--do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavor, labor, study.
3. to make your call and election sure
 - a. sure - *bebaios* - stable:--firm, of force, steadfast, sure. Used in sense of legal validity.
 - b. make - *poieisthai* - reflexive indicating believers are to assure themselves
 - c. call and election - inseparable realities indicating God's dealings with believers based on His sovereign election
4. for if you do these things you will never stumble;
 - a. referring to the adding to your faith the various virtues listed earlier
 - b. do these things - practice - pattern of daily conduct
 - c. *ptaio* - to trip, to err, sin, fail (of salvation):--fall, offend, stumble.
 - i. deals more with to fall into doubt, despair, or fear
 - ii. allows them to confidently an abundant and productive spiritual life
5. for so - referring to the constant pursuit of holiness
6. an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 - a. assurance is the experience of the Christian who practices what Peter has listed
 - b. looking forward to being in the presence of the Lord instead of fearing it