

The Second Epistle of Peter
Peter's Recipe for Spiritual Maturity (6)

2 Peter 1:5-7

Part 9

I. Giving All Diligence Add to Your Godliness *Brotherly Kindness.*

Christmas grace produces a *family*.

Cf. Heb.2:10-14; Jn.1:12

Christmas grace produces a *familial love*.

Cf. Rom.5:5; 1 Thess.4:9; 1 Pet.1:22; 1 Jn.4:7,8,20; 5:1,2

Christmas grace produces an *Incarnational likeness*.

Cf. Isa.9:6,7; Matt.1:21; 23; Phil.2:3-8; Eph.4:32; Heb.4:14-16

II. Giving All Diligence Add to Your Brotherly Kindness *Love.*

Cf. Matt.5:43-48; 22:37-39; Rom.13:10; 1 Cor.13:13

Love is the capstone of Christian maturity.

“God's eternal thoughts and purposes in *election*, Christ's *redeeming* work upon the cross, the Spirit's omnipotent agency in *regeneration*, are not merely to bring us under a particular ecclesiastical regimen--but to deliver us from the dominion of selfishness, and place us under the reign of love, and thus make us like God!”

John James