

# Adding to Our Faith

## Introduction

### Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:3-15

1. Seasoned Christians know and understand that the four gospels are accounts of the life of Jesus, whom God the Father sent to be the Savior of the world.
  - A. The book of Acts chronicles the establishment and the growth of the church which Christ purchased with His blood.
    - 1) The church grows and becomes stronger as the gospel is preached and people respond in obedience to receive salvation for their souls.
  - B. The rest of the New Testament is basically made up of letters written for Christians of all ages telling us how God wants us to faithfully live for and serve Him in our life.
2. In our scripture reading this morning we see in verses 13-15, that Peter tells us, by way of reminder, to give “diligence” or to “be careful” to make sure that we ADD these Christian characteristics to our lives!
  - A. As we study these things, we should be able to see just how important each one is in order to increase our faith more!

## Add to Our Faith

1. Let us begin by looking at these 7 things we are to add to our faith.  
**2 Peter 1:5-9**
2. We must begin with faith as our very foundation. We must have a deep abiding faith in order for anything to be able to build on it.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

### A. To our faith we must add.....

- 1) **Virtue**: “Virtue showing high moral standards” (Oxford)

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, **if there is any virtue** and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

- 2) **Knowledge**  
**Colossians 2:1-3**
- 3) **Self-Control**  
**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**
- 4) **Perseverance**: “Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success” (Oxford)

Hebrews 10:35-36 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of **endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

- 5) **Godliness:** “A personal attitude toward God that results in actions that are pleasing to Him.” (Bible.org)  
**1 Timothy 4:7-8**
  
- 6) **Brotherly Kindness:** “Love, care, and compassion that Christians are to have for their brothers and sisters in Christ.”

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

- 7) **Love**  
**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

## To Make Our Calling and Election Sure

### 2 Peter 1:10-11

#### 1. How are we called and elected (chosen)?

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 2. How do we make our call and election sure? “For if you do these things...”

**Matthew 7:21**

#### 3. What is the result? (“For an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom...”)

**1 Peter 1:3-5**

## To Be Found by Him in Peace

### 2 Peter 3:10-14

1. The reason this admonition is given is because “the day of the Lord” will come as a thief in the night.

Matthew 24:42-43 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

2. Therefore, as we conclude our lesson this morning, the question is:  
**1 Peter 1:13-16**

**“What manner of persons ought you to be in  
holy conduct and godliness?”**

