

**SECOND**

**PETER**

**GROWING IN GRACE**



# **This Weeks Sermon**

*“Add to your Faith”*

*2 Peter 1:5-11*

## 2 Peter 1:1-2

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior

Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge  
of God and of Jesus our Lord.

## 2 Peter 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

## 2 Peter 1:5-11

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

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*God's Grace that Gives us Faith*

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Believers are to “add to” or supply with (*epichorēgēsate*) their faith “goodness” (*aretē*). In Greek culture a benefactor (*chorēgos*) furnished what was necessary for choruses. Those who did such were known as generous and lavish benefactors. The word *aretē*, probably best translated “moral excellence,” was used in 1:3 to designate by what God has called believers. God’s call, we argued, is effective. He creates the moral excellence he demands. Hence, it follows that the moral excellence of believers can only be attributed to God’s grace. And yet New Testament writers never polarize divine sovereignty and human responsibility. Those whom God has effectively called to virtue are also to practice virtue with energy and intensity.

*Schreiner, T. R. (2003). [1, 2 Peter, Jude](#) (Vol. 37, p. 299). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.*

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*Add to your Faith*

*Goodness*

*Knowledge*

*Self-control*

*Perseverance*

*Godliness*

*Mutual Affection*

*Love*

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plural sorites [Latin, from Greek *sōritēs*, from *sōros* heap] 1551: an argument consisting of propositions so arranged that the predicate of any one forms the subject of the next and the conclusion unites the subject of the first proposition with the predicate of the last

Merriam-Webster, I. (2003). [\*Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary\*](#). (Eleventh ed.). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc.

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# Gospel Application:

*What steps can we take to add to our spiritual disciplines?*

*How can we trust in what Christ has already accomplished for us on the cross to motivate us to good works?*