

ADDING TO OUR FAITH – 2
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2 PETER 1:5-7

REVIEW:

1. Diligence – Be zealous about it.
2. Faith – to possess our land.
3. Virtue – Courage, moral excellence.
4. Knowledge – Knowing the truth liberates.
5. Temperance – Self control.
6. Patience – Perseverance.

CONTINUE:

7. Godliness – Holy living or living a God-centered life.
 - A. Honoring our duties toward God. **ECCLESIASTES 12:13**
 - B. The first four outline our duties toward God.
 - C. The last six outline our duties toward man.
 - D. Keeping His commandments proves our love for God. **JOHN 14:21**
8. Brotherly kindness – **ROMANS 12:9-21**
 - A. Do we really care about others?
 - B. Do we prefer others over ourselves?
 - C. Do we attempt to live at peace with all men?
 - D. Do we overcome evil with good?
9. Love – Agape love, or divine love.
 - A. Eros – Erotic or physical attraction.
 - B. Storge – compatibility.
 - C. Phileo – Brotherly love is based on feelings and emotions and is responsive.
 - D. Agape is divine and based on decision and principle, and is aggressive.

2 PETER. 1:8-9

1. If these additions to our faith abound in us – live big in us, in a large way, it shows we have a deep understanding of God’s nature and character.
 - A. Being a fruitful believer is important to Christ. **JOHN 15:1-5**
2. If not, it shows we are shortsighted and have eye trouble. We can’t see God and don’t really know Him.
 - A. We’ve forgotten we’ve been cleansed from our sins.
 - B. **REVELATION 3:14-20** – One of the characteristics of the Laodicean church (today’s church) was spiritual blindness. Jesus offered them eye-salve that would help them see spiritually. They saw themselves as being rich, having increase and independence, but Jesus saw them as wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.
 - C. The remedy: Go to Jesus for tried gold, white apparel and anointed eyes.
 - D. Be zealous and repent.

CONCLUSION: Peter reminds believers to evaluate their walk with God using diligence knowing the price paid for our salvation was the precious Blood of Jesus.