

## Study 2

Read 2 Peter 1:5-11

### SUMMARY OF THE PASSAGE

Since God has given so much to believers, they should respond by dedicating themselves to lives that reflect their new nature. Peter commands his readers to work hard at being people of virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, affection, and love. Those who are growing in these qualities will be more effective for God's purposes and more assured of their salvation.

### MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 1:8 (HCSB)—For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is the first “reason” Peter gives his readers to add these qualities to their faith (1:5)?
2. In what way should Christians add these qualities to their lives (1:5)?
3. What is the first quality Peter says to add to your faith (1:5)?
4. What is the last quality Peter says to add to your life (1:7)?
5. What is one result of increasing these qualities in your Christian life (1:8)?
6. How does Peter describe someone who isn't dedicating himself to these qualities (1:9)?
7. What is another result of practicing these qualities in your life (1:10)?
8. What do those who have practiced these qualities receive (1:11)?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How hard are you working to apply these qualities to your Christian life?
  
- Which qualities on the list do you think will require more effort on your part?
  
- How does your desire to be useful affect your effort at applying these qualities?
  
- How does forgetting you were cleansed lead to laziness in your spiritual life?
  
- In your own experience, how has your effort in godliness affected the assurance of your salvation?

1. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we to add on our part, according to verse 5?

3. Outline the seven qualities mentioned in verses 5, 6 & 7.

4. What do these qualities do for you, according to verse 8?

5. What is true of those who lack these qualities, according to verse 9?

6. What are we commanded to do in verse 10?

7. What is the result of doing these things, according to verse 10?

8. What will be “provided for you,” according to verse 11?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Peter sees the Christian life as an intense effort on our part, providing lavishly in our faith a number of character traits.

LESSON #2: As you examine yourself in these seven areas, do you feel comfortable with the present condition of your spiritual walk with God?

LESSON #3: We are to be employed and fruitful in seeing that these qualities are increasing in our lives.

LESSON #4: If these qualities are not becoming increasingly manifest in our lives, it's because we are out of fellowship with the Lord.

LESSON #5: We are commanded to be all the more diligent about these things so that we do not stumble.

LESSON #6: As we provide lavishly for these qualities in our lives, so we will be richly provided an entrance into the eternal kingdom.