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2 PETER 1:1-3:18

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence,...

...add to your faith virtue;...

Faith. as it relates to Christ

1) a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God

Virtue. moral excellence, as modesty, purity in our course of thought, feeling and actions.

...and to virtue knowledge;...

Knowledge. the deeper more perfect and enlarged knowledge of this religion, such as belongs to the more advanced

...6 And to knowledge temperance; ...

temperance. self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites)

...and to temperance patience;...

patience. steadfastness, constancy, endurance

...and to patience godliness;...

godliness. reverence and respect towards God and what belongs to God.

...7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; ...

brotherly kindness. (philadelphia) the love which Christians cherish for each other as brothers or sisters.

...and to brotherly kindness charity....

charity. (agape) The type of love that Jesus Christ loves us with.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.