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"ADD TO YOUR FAITH"

(2 Peter 1:1-16)

- (v1) "Simon Peter" - also identified in (Matt. 4:18; Mark 3:16; John 1:42)
- (v1) "to those who have obtained like precious faith with us" - Christians; us.
- (v3) "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness" - see (Ephesians 1:3)
- (v5) "But also for this very reason" - because we have been so blessed.

"giving all diligence" - persevere; labor; be persistent; labor.
"add to" - supply; supplement; attach; increase what you have.
"your faith" - each of us has an obligation or responsibility to do this.

"ADD"

- (v5) "virtue" - goodness; fidelity; honesty; integrity.
"knowledge" - learn; to have a mental grasp of; to be informed; know.
(Hosea 4:6) "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge ... "
- (v6) "self-control / temperance" - discipline; stability; balance; self-restraint.
"perseverance / patience" - endurance in the midst of struggles; forbear.
"godliness" - do all toward God; Godly devotion; revere God.
(1 Timothy 4:7) "... and exercise yourself toward godliness."
- (v7) "brotherly kindness" - the word is "Philadelphia" or brotherly love;
this is an action word that involves each of us in ministry to one another.
"love / charity" - we look upon others with consideration and regard;
it does not demand worthiness in its object; seek the welfare of another.
- (v8) "For if these things are yours and abound"
- "If" - the blessing is conditional and the reward is determined by your participation.
"and abound" - it requires more than minimal effort and half-heartedness.
Do not be satisfied with just getting by.
"you will be neither barren nor unfruitful" - you hit the right target.
- (v9) "For he who lacks these things" - what happens when you do not "add"?
- "short-sighted" - cannot see that heaven is worth it all. "blind" - lacks spiritual perception. "forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins" - no thanks.
- (v10) "brethren, be even more diligent" - add more effort to your existing effort.
"make your call and election sure" - be confident in your relationship with God.
"if you do these things you will never stumble" - shun the wrong and do the right; doing these things highly motivates you to stay on God's side.
- (v11) "so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly ... " - heaven.
- (v12) "I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things" - say it again!
- (v13) "Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent,
to stir you up by reminding you" - yes, say it again and again.
- (v15) "I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things
after my decease" - even after my death, you will hear it again.