INTRODUCTION - #8 in the list: (v5) "ADD TO YOUR FAITH ..."

1. (v1-4) A REMINDER OF BLESSINGS IN BEING A CHRISTIAN

1) (v1) "have obtained like precious faith with us"

Christian living, our faith, is precious - to be treasured; appreciated; treated as valuable; to be held dear; to be kept safe; worth a lot. (1 Peter 2:9) "... you are a chosen generation ... special people ... "

- 2) (v3) "has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness"
- 3) (v4) "given to us exceedingly great and precious promises"

(John 14:1-3; Titus 1:2) Hymns #417 "Sweet Are The Promises" and #452 "Standing on Promises"

2. (v5-7) "FOR THIS VERY REASON, GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD TO YOUR FAITH ..."

"Virtue" - honesty; excellence; fidelity; courage when facing hostility.

"Knowledge" - by continuous study; grasping that which is right; perceive.

"Self-control" - self-restraint; be disciplined; temperance; self-mastery. (Phil. 4:13) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

"Perseverance" - patience; continue faithfully; hang in there; stick to it.

"Godliness" - duty to what God requires of us; live to please God.

"Brotherly- it's a family virtue; it's us of "like precious faith" kindness" - be considerate; humane; compassionate; warm-hearted.

"Love" - seek the best for another; active desire for good; gracious.

3. (v8-11) "IF THESE THINGS ARE YOURS AND ABOUND"

- 1) (v8) "you will be neither barren nor unfruitful" seedtime and harvest. (Isaiah 55:11; Galatians 6:7)
- 2) (v10) "If you do these things you will never stumble"
- 3) (v11) "an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" heaven