

“Add to Your Faith” - #3

Maturing to Perfection in Your Walk With the Lord

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2 Peter 1:1-9

*Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge *(experiential) of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.*

- Faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love.
- These are all qualities that are evident in a Kingdom person's life
- As you grow in your relationship with the Father these grow and mature in you

Last Week:

- The “Faith” Chapter - Hebrews 11 *(24 times; 35-40 implied: 17 people/groups
- The spiritual gift of faith
- Faith in spiritual warfare - *“Taking up the shield of faith.....”*
- Increase our faith
- How our words affect our faith
- Self-talk

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- **Luke 19:39-40** - *“And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”*
- The Father is using anyone, anywhere who is willing to lean in to the encounter with Him
- Since there’s not much action (get a better word) from the church He’s bypassing some of them in favor of those who are experiencing real relationship with Him.
- Jaden Ivey, the Chicago Bulls basketball player. Fired because he took a stand for Jesus.
- Jordan Peterson
- Baker Mayfield
- All four coaches in the NCAA football playoffs
- Too many to count on the NCAA March Madness
- Josh Hawley
- Robert F Kennedy
- Denzel Washington
- Mel Gibson
- Jelly Roll
- Kid Rock
- They just found it. I don’t know how to talk about it. What do you mean? they just don’t know how to talk about it yet. But, here’s the deal, something happened with them!
- That’s who the Lord is shining his Light on! He’s trying to show the world that this relationship is a real thing!
- He’s giving those people a platform and a voice. They have the message! The message is, God is real!
- Because of the slumber of the church God is using a bunch of unlikely subjects
- These are all signs! Are you paying attention?
- It’s happening all over!
- “He loves to use the unqualified to do the impossible”

- All this,this IS the Church - just not in the traditional sense
- The institution; the organism
- If Church leaders don't LISTEN to the Father
- If the institution doesn't pay a awake up and

The Great Dilemma

- The Awakening - Underway - Happening now and gaining momentum
- Righteousness, godliness vs Evil, darkness - Both peaking now
- There's a great hunger in the heart of the human race for something real, something genuine, something eternal
- People are looking for the Truth - All God induced
- People are coming to the Lord in record numbers, like never before
- The dilemma: People are getting saved at a much higher/faster rate than Kingdom People are being produced
- People with a Kingdom mindset - What is a Kingdom Person
- Why is that a problem/dilemma; What if it doesn't happen?
- Multitudes/millions will miss their destiny
- The apostate church will grow and be at odds with the True Church!
- Things will be worse than before!!
- Dead religious tradition will replace the advancement of the Kingdom
- *"Kingdom People will die for what they believe; Religious people will kill for what they believe"* AT
- **Luke 13:20-21** - *"And again He said, 'To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.'"*
- Leaven works silently, invisibly, but powerfully; it's always working
- It starts small but eventually affects everything
- **Galatians 5:9** - *"A little leaven leavens the whole lump"*
- *"The Kingdom may start hidden—but it won't stay contained."*
- A little bit of the Kingdom transforms the whole thing (*affects everything*)
- What's happening 'in here' is needed 'out there' more than it's ever been needed
- You have more of this stuff in you than you realize
- You won't know that until/unless you're in instances where it can come out
- It comes out in the simple everyday events/people you encounter daily

- You're getting disciplined week after week; Every message builds on the last one
- *"It seems repetitive;"* that's because it IS!! Intentionally!
- This stuff has to be taken out of here or all this is for naught
- But our house is populated with people who believe this stuff that we talk about.
- They put this stuff to the test. They're in communication with the Father!
- That's the secret. But everything else evolves out of that.
- My people have a built-in foundational kingdom worldview.
- It affects everything they think and do!
- There's an inner witness to help them discern right from wrong, and to know what to do in every situation.
- But, it's still up to them to make the right choice every single time! (case in point. Been teaching about faith for two weeks) God shows us, but we have to pay attention and be obedient.
- We have to learn to believe long! I learned that a long time ago.
- To define believing long,... It's believing for more than you've ever seen.
- It's believing for what you can only dream of.
- And it's also long-term. Long equals long-term.
- For a long time now, I've been believing for the generations after me. That's what I call believing long.
- That faith we've been talking about, you know, the faith that you have,... It's powerful!