



There is always more to God that can be obtained and its not just a stagnant knowledge of Him but an obtaining that clearly transforms our lives. Peters life had been transformed by a faith that seemingly supercedes ours, but what was available to Peter as a result of his life experiences and being filled with the Spirit, is readily available to all of His church.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge 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.
2 Peter 1:2-4

There are so many promises that pertain to our new life in Christ. Grace is elemental in our life and its not just applied to sin when we receive salvation. Grace is a continual fuel for our Christian life and it is to be multiplied within our lives to partake in the divine nature which houses real life and godliness. Grace has granted access to a new life in Christ. We initiate and continue in grace being multiplied in our life's circumstances.

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.
2 Peter 1:5-7

We are active participants in acquiring and being transformed. This is good news! We can partake and have freedom and permission to add godliness into our lives. Christ within us empowers us to fulfill godly character. Scripture warns us that knowledge puffs up but applied knowledge is wisdom and activates transformation in our lives. Faith like knowledge is intended to have a real world application. James reminds us 'faith without works is dead', not that we are saved through works, but that our saving faith will have an outworking element to it. For example, when others see the outworking of faith within your life, it testifies of a real inner working that can multiply in their life also! These truths are for the building up of oneself and for one another.

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.
2 Peter 1:8

To own something does not just mean you have access to it, but that you are nurturing and stewarding it well. God gives us good gifts for them to abound within our lives. Like the parable of the talents, if we bury and hide our treasure and do not trust that the Lord will multiply our efforts, God will remove them from us. The virtues in our lives are to abound and multiply year after year! This brings a fruitfulness and greater depth of relationship to Christ to fulfill the calling He has for our lives.

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 1:9-11

There is a big conversation about the surety of salvation in the Christian world, but one thing is sure, if you press on towards Him, if you continue to walk and move in Him, if you maintain a posture of More of God, your life WILL testify of the surety of your salvation and the quality of your confession. Keep seeking God in all things and He will not disappoint you!

DISCUSSION

Peter had an incredible testimony but all that would have ‘petered’ out if he did not press on towards the goal. Take time to answer these questions as a stirring in your heart, to uncouple or uncling to the ways of the world that can bring stagnant waters to our walk.

- Has God given you a vision or a dream and you have told him not so, Lord! Have you settled when God wants to give you more of Him?
- How can His grace be applied to a step you feel is impossible?
- Am I afraid of taking the next step? Am I afraid of the cost? Am I afraid of my spouse's opinion, my friends?
- How can you fulfill the cry of “More of God” if your life, family, workplace?

POSTURING

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” James 5:16

Confession: (admit, acknowledge, reveal, make known)

- In light of our conversation, is there anything that the Lord is asking you to confess and be made known?

*“Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!”
Ps 106:1*

Thanksgiving: (a prayer expressing gratitude)

- Thank Him for all that He has promised and for His faithfulness upon your life.

EMPOWER

“God will strengthen you with His own great power so that you will not give up when troubles come, but you will be patient. And you will joyfully give thanks to the Father who has made you able to have a share in all that He has prepared for His people in the kingdom of light.”

Colossians 1:11,12

- Pray for each other for strength, strategy, wisdom etc.
- Listen in prayer for words of encouragement and edification.
- Spur each other on!

June 7, 2020- Kids Lesson

Bible Verse: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

Bible Story: God Creates the World
Genesis 1
My First Hands-On Bible: pp. 10-14
The Beginner's Bible: pp. 1-13 (first two lines)

Worship:

<https://youtu.be/pEYz4i2SL2k>
<https://youtu.be/7pL7bbFicWY>
<https://youtu.be/Y1MDCwirYoQ>

Video Lesson:

<https://youtu.be/qHu352QwXXM>

Bible Story Activity: Make things God created out of Play Dough. Later today, go for a walk and see how many things you can point out that God made! Take a close look and see how much detail he put into all He made!

Prayer: Take some time to thank God for some of the things that He created! What are some things you are thankful for?