

Avoiding a Spiritual Shipwreck

Christianity: Learning to Live

2 Peter 1:1-11

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...giving all diligence, add to your faith.. (2 Peter 1:5)

To avoid the shipwreck of our faith we must grow and mature. Growth happens by Getting to know God.

- **Getting to Know God reveals his grace to us.** Verse 1-4
 - God's gracious **power** enables us – (verse 3)
 - God's gracious **provision** establishes us
 - God's gracious **promises** encourage us
 - God's gracious **presence** indwells us
- **Getting to know God requires true diligence of us.**
Verses 5-7 (Phil 2:12-13)
 - God's grace **gave us** faith to believe – God, by his grace pursued us; we by his grace pursue godliness. *1 Tim 4:7*
 - God's grace **empowers** our faith to work. – It requires **all diligence** (quick eagerness) to grow - verse 5
 - To faith we add virtue (**moral excellence**)
 - Virtue is based in Knowledge (**understanding**)
 - Resulting from knowledge is self-control (power over **indulgence** and passions)
 - Self-control leads to perseverance (**patience**)
 - Perseverance leads us to godliness (**right worship**)
 - Godliness is always revealed by brotherly love (**filial love**)

- Brotherly love is enabled by **divine** love (Rom 5:5)
- **Getting to know God rewards the growth in us –**
verses 8-11
 - Growing faith is not **useless** or fruitless - verse 8
 - Growing faith is not **near sighted** or blind – verse 9
 - Growing faith is not forgetful or **foolish** - verse 9
 - Growing faith is not **lazy** or passive – verse 10 (2 Cor. 13:5)
 - Growing faith is not **uncertain** or unstable – verse 10
 - Growing faith is rewarded by a grand **reception** in **full measure** into the **endless** Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If we find ourselves incapable of the performance of the Christian graces perhaps we have never experienced **His Grace**.- *Php 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. (NLT)*