

2 Peter 1:5-9

Legos

1. We are Not Merely on Cruise Control

A. For this very Reason

-Faith of Equal standing in v. 1

-Divine power granted for:

-All things pertaining to life and godliness

-His precious promises for the future

-Living around but above the corruption of this world

In summary because of all that Christ has done and has accomplished for you:

B. There Must Be a Human Response

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”

2 Corinthians 9:10 ESV

“Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—” -Galatians 3:5 ESV

“For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” -2 Peter 1:11 ESV

2. The Needed Building Blocks 5-7

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Romans 5:3-5 ESV

A. Faith

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,” -Galatians 5:22 ESV

“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” -1 Timothy 4:12 ESV

“But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.” -1 Timothy 6:11 ESV

““I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.” -Revelation 2:19 ESV

B. Virtue

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any **excellence**, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Philippians 4:8 ESV

C. Knowledge

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Philippians 1:9-11 ESV

D. Self-control

“gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:23 ESV

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Galatians 5:13 ESV

“After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. And as he reasoned about righteousness and **self-control** and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him.” -Acts 24:24-26 ESV

E. Steadfastness

“You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,” -2 Timothy 3:10 ESV

“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

Romans 8:25 ESV

“If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.” -2 Corinthians 1:6 ESV

“The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.” -2 Corinthians 12:12 ESV

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” -James 1:2-4 ESV

F. Godliness

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.” -1 Timothy 6:6-7 ESV

“But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.” -1 Timothy 6:11 ESV

G. Brotherly Affection

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”
1 Peter 3:8-9 ESV

H. Love

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” -Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV

3. Preventative Maintenance 8, 9

A. Staying Active and Fruitful

“Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?” -James 2:20 ESV

“Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.” -John 15:2-8 ESV

B. The Exercise of Us Knowing Christ

C. Blindness 9

“And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?” -Mark 8:17-18 ESV

Reflection:

Do you find yourself pursuing the qualities that Peter lays out in the verses we have explored today? When have you witnessed these qualities in other followers of Jesus? How have you seen the fruit in their lives?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Revelation 2:19. What was this church known by? How can we be known by our faith?

Tuesday: Philippians 4:8. Excellence is another word used to translate the word for virtue. How would you explain virtue or excellence in a Christian's life to someone?

Wednesday: Galatians 5:13-25. How does self-control fit in with the original command that Paul gives in verse 13? Why is self-control so important especially as you reflect on the current condition of our country?

Thursday: James 1:2-4. How does James explain the building of steadfastness in the life of a believer? When have you been most challenged in this area of life?

Friday: 1 Peter 3:8-9. What does it mean to have “brotherly affection”? Why is this so important to the life of a follower of Jesus?

Saturday: John 15:2-8. How does Jesus describe our need to have fruit in our lives? What is the consequence of not producing fruit? How does that compare to 2 Peter 1:8,9?