

God's Plan for Staying Faithful

Receiving God's Salvation

- 1) Hear about Christ (Rom. 10:17)
- 2) Believe in Christ (John 8:24)
- 3) Repent/Turn to Christ
(Acts 3:19)
- 4) Confess faith in Christ
(Romans 10:9-10)
- 5) Be Baptized into Christ
(Rom. 6:3-4)

2 Peter 2:20-22

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2 Peter 2:20-22

²¹ For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

2 Peter 2:20-22

²² It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,” and, “A sow, after washing, *returns* to wallowing in the mire.”

2 Peter 1:1-11

▸ Where Christians Stand – v. 1-4



2 Peter 1:1-4

¹ Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours,
by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 1:1-4

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

2 Peter 1:1-4

³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:1-4

4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

➤ Where Christians Stand

1) We have
“escaped”
worldly
corruption.



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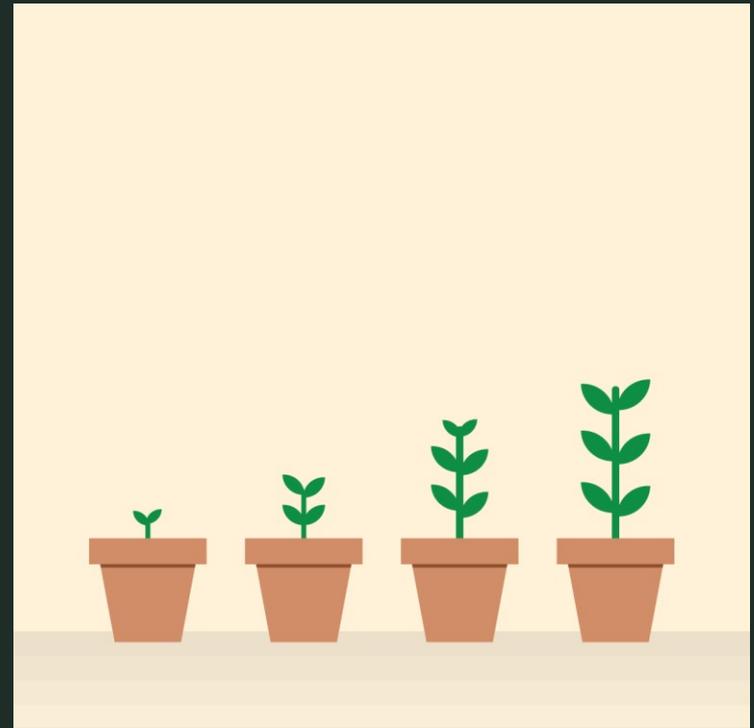
2) We share in the “divine nature.”



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▶ Where Christians Are Going – v. 5-7



2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge,

2 Peter 1:5-7

⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

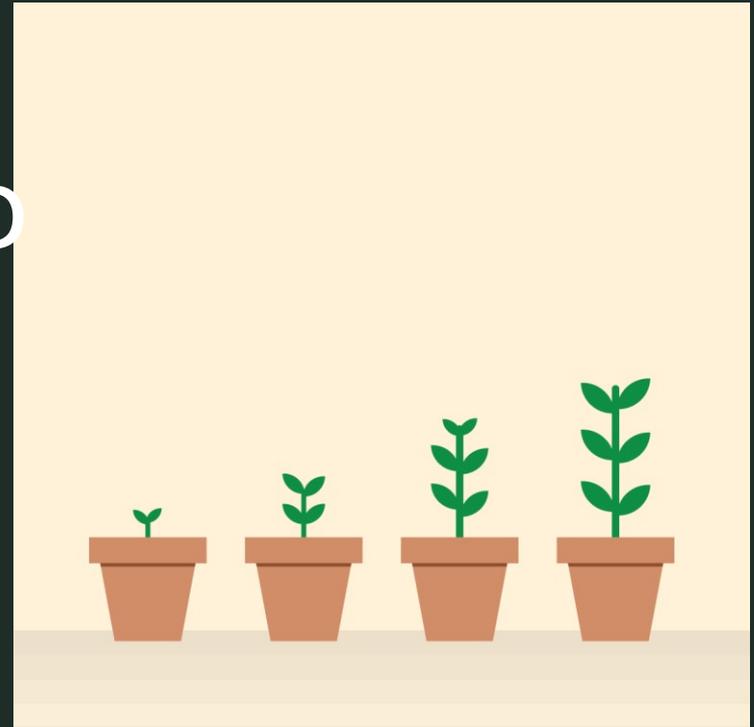
⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

2 Peter 1:8

8 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

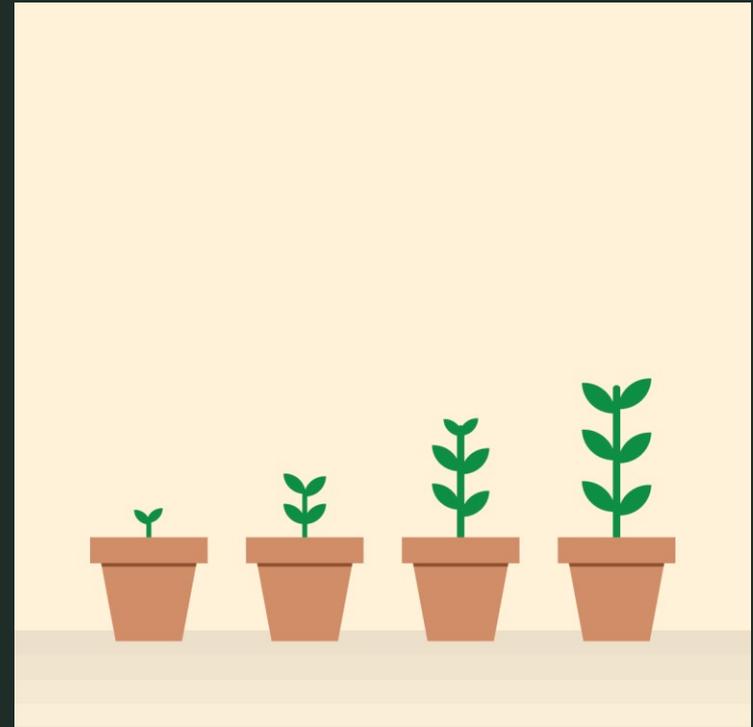
▶ Where Christians Are Going

▶ God wants
these qualities to
be ours and to
be “increasing.”
(v 8)



▶ Where Christians Are Going

▶ One you want to work on:



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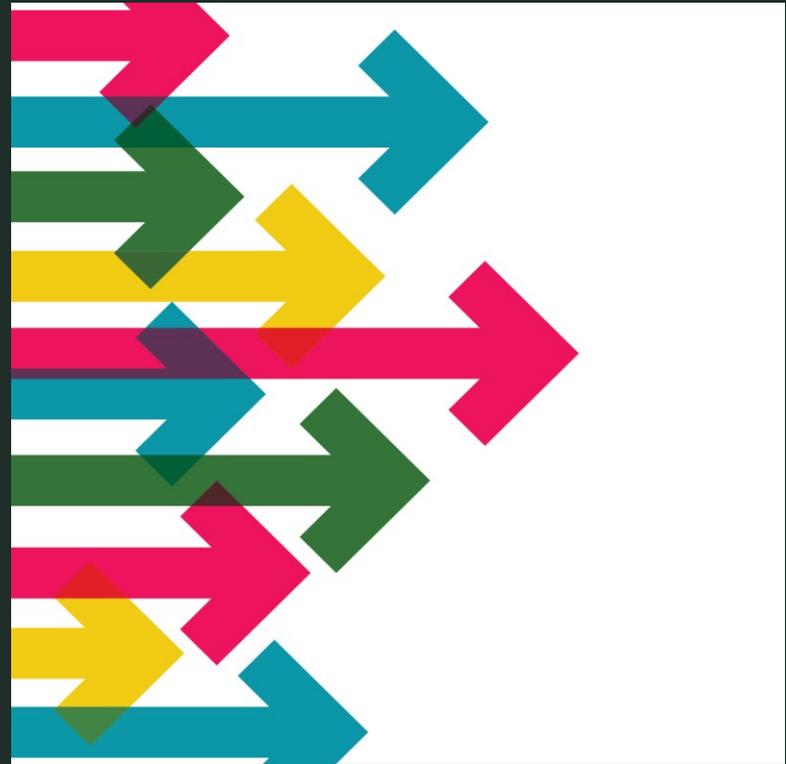
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➤ Where Christians Are Going

➤ Notice the
word
“diligence.”
(v. 5)



Where The Path Leads – v. 8-11



2 Peter 1:8-11

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2 Peter 1:8-11

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2 Peter 1:8-11

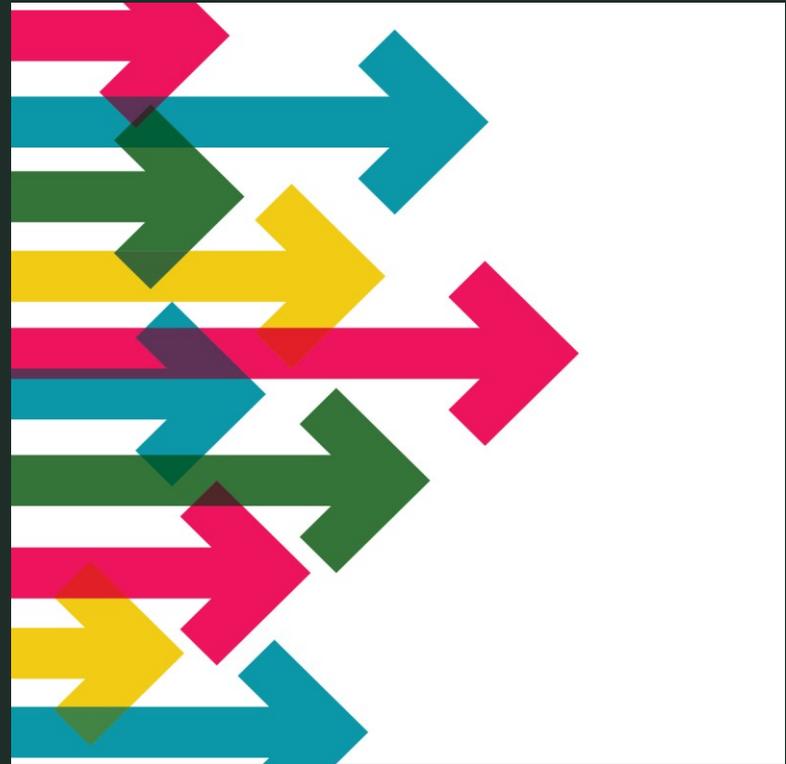
¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

2 Peter 1:8-11

¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Where The Path Leads

➤ If we add these, we won't be:



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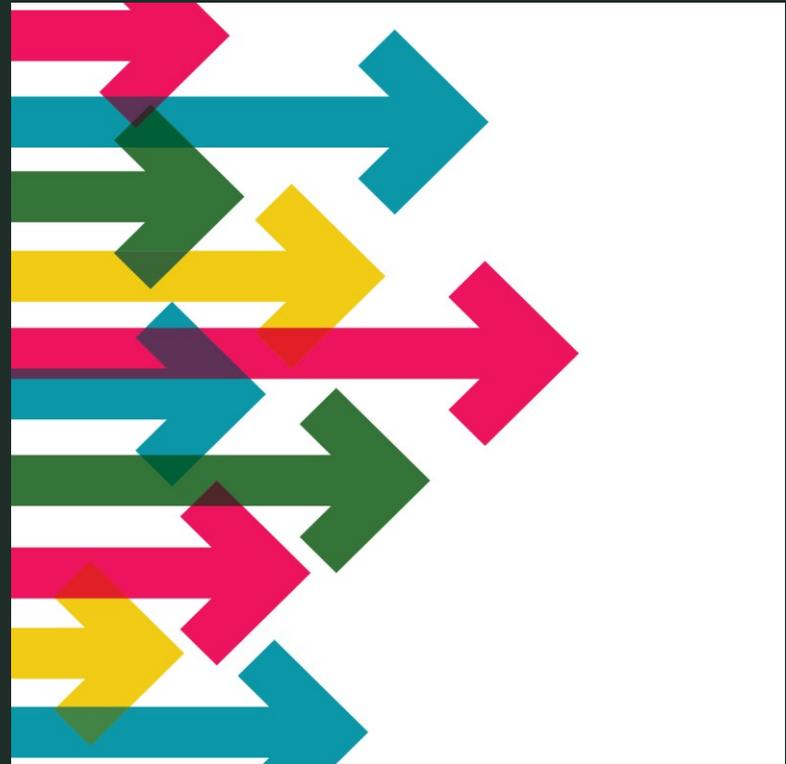
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▶ Where The Path Leads

▶ We will also
“never
stumble.”



2 Peter 3:17-18

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

2 Peter 3:17-18

¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.



- ▶ The Simple but Crucial
Reminder: Grow!