

Rossland Ridge Bible Chapel

ADD TO YOUR FAITH – [II Peter 1:1-11](#)

January 10, 2021 with Dale Ward

Preparation for Week #2: **Virtue and Knowledge**

Pray About It:

Lift up Dale as he encourages us to pursue **growth** in our walk with the Lord.
Pray for those that are feeling discouragement and loneliness at this time.
Bring before the Lord our government, your family, friends, co-workers, and our church leadership.

Read About It:

This week, Dale will be continuing our study in [II Peter 1:1-11](#).
He will be focusing on verse 5 during this message.
Consider other passages with similar themes, such as: [Philippians 4:8](#), and [1 Corinthians 15:33-34](#) as a slightly more negative example of Christians in crisis.

Think About It:

Consider how we are asked to add both virtue and knowledge to our faith in this passage. This list of traits implies that a Christian can remain stagnant, having faith but staying the same. We need to allow the Master to change and shape us to become more like Christ.

[Click here to watch a touching skit on this very subject.](#)

Do Something About It:

What plan do you have for diligently building and adding to your faith in the year 2021? What goals will you put in place so you aren't the same person a year from now? As you grow to be more like Christ, what can you pray for and hand over to God that will make you a little less "you" and a little more like Christ?

*"For Ezra had set his heart to **study** the Law of the Lord, and to **do** it and to **teach** his statutes and rules in Israel." Ezra 7:10*

Your resolution can have to do with studying the Word of God. More often than not however, we can easily coast through our day on a two-minute devotional time with very little else to keep us going. We need that spiritual nutrition! And we can't DO if we don't DWELL. Especially if we have people in our life we want to share with or teach.

Memorize It: [Col. 1:16](#)

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

Note: To complete these questions independently online, [click HERE](#).

Small Group Bible Study #2 - Virtue and Knowledge

“Precious faith in the precious promises enables us to experience the divine power to embrace the divine nature”.

Passage: 2 Peter 1:5 – “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith...”

Talk About It:

1. How do we experience the divine power in order to embrace the divine nature?
2. In verse 5 Peter encourages us to give “all diligence” to add to our faith a number of important character traits. Can you say that you give all diligence or make every effort with speed, haste, earnestness, and enthusiasm to pursue these qualities? If not, what is keeping you back, what hinders you or slows you down in this pursuit?
3. We are to first of all add to our faith “virtue”. To be virtuous is to be good, generous, and gracious. How can we demonstrate generosity and grace to those around us?
4. Secondly, we are to add to our faith “knowledge”. In order to grow in our knowledge of God’s Word we need to **pause, pray, and persist**. Discuss how these three practices apply to your study of Scripture.

Additional Notes:

Note: These questions can be used as a basis for conversation with your family, a friend, or a small group on Zoom.