THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

2 PETER CHAPTER 1:5-9

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2 Peter 1:5-9

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

100% Sanctification - Guaranteed!

We have read throughout the Old Testament that God called His people to be set apart from this world and to be set apart for Him

That Old Testament Requirement is Fulfilled in the New Testament Relationship

And in Peter's Day - The Early Church was Increasingly Thankful for that. It's success / It's effect / It's influence / It's earthly calling / From its heavenly position.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify** you **completely**; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** *He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.*

Reviewing Part 1 of Our Previous Teaching

100% Sanctification - Guaranteed!

1.) Means that we co-operate with God

vs. 5-7

Giving grk: pareisphero. to bring into or to deliver to, to give 100% effort to supply

or to apply. (An action word; demanding the whole person)

Diligence grk; spoude; (This is also an action word; demanding the whole person.

Dedication to "haste, zeal, strength, and earnestness.")

100% Sanctification Guaranteed Means That We Cooperate With God

1a.) We co-operate with a greater understanding

vs. 5a

Verse 5a

giving all diligence, add to your faith

...virtue, to virtue knowledge,

Virtue

grk: arete; "**Ares**" the Greek god of war. Possessing a tenacity, a moral courage. One who stands in the face of opposition. One who will not leave the war. That which leads to boldness / being fearless. Having an unwavering conviction / a set course of action until the war is won.

My biblical morality exists not because I have to be a good person,

but because I now know that God loves me and I'm in awe of His love for me.

The Sanctifying Work of God is Sure & Certain.

There is the Past Tense Aspect of Our Sanctification.

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith,

There is the Present Tense Aspect of Our Sanctification.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.

There is the Future Tense Aspect of Our Sanctification.

Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we **shall be saved...**

Picking It Up Where We Left Off

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1b.) We co-operate with a greater devotion

vs. 6a

Verse 6a

giving all diligence, add to your faith

...self-control, to self-control perseverance,

self-control grk egkrateia; the act of mastery or control of; to set a watch over

yourself. To govern yourself.

perseverance grk: hupomone; willfully remaining behind, to patiently endure, to put

up with.

Illustrative Example of Practical Sanctification: God's exodus of His children from out of Egypt's slavery

Illustrative Example of Practical Sanctification: How the Bible records the Human experiences from Start to Finish.

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1c.) We co-operate with a greater love

vs. 6b-7a

Verse 6b-7a

giving all diligence, add to your faith

...godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness,

godiness grk: eusebeia: a-god-like-ness, personal piety. To mime or to mimic the actions of God in your living. To act like God acts.

Illustrative Example of Practical Sanctification:

John 8:28b-30

I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

30 As Jesus spoke these words, many believed in Him.

This is a remarkable reality and is wholly "Christian"

brotherly kindness

grk: philadelphia; the love of the Christian family – to love the brethren, brotherly love. If they are brothers – love them(.)

Please, Try This At Home

If you we're to decide right now that you're going to show, do, speak like Jesus to the person that irritates you the most – you will eventually find yourself actually beginning to love them for real.

Because my God and Savoir would do this, I'm going to do it too.

This is the very truth behind Jesus' words;

Matthew 5:43-45

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, **love** your enemies, **bless** those who curse you, **do good** to those who hate you, and **pray for** those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;

100% Sanctification Guaranteed Means That We Cooperate With God

1d.) We co-operate with a greater passion

vs. 7a

Verse 7a

giving all diligence, add to your faith

7b and to brotherly kindness love.

Love

grk: agape; a supernatural overflow or outflow of goodwill. a divinely "sourced" love that "loves and does" expecting nothing in return.

But How Does This Happen For Real in Our Lives?

Just Do It. Do It. Do What You're Supposed To Do. Do It For Jesus. Do Good. Do Righteousness – Do The Right Thing.

Galatians 5:6 NLT What is important is faith expressing itself in love.

"I don't feel any love for Bozo, But I will do love for Bozo."

1 John 4:12 amplified

No one has (physically) seen God at any time. (but) If we love one another (actively, intentionally), (the evidence will be that) God abides in us, and His (active, intentional) love has been perfected (it has been released) in us. 13 By this we know (we can see the evidence) that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His (Holy) Spirit. (who is the source of real love)

John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Holy Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;

