



## Growing in Grace in I Peter 1

That the work of God for us (\_\_\_\_\_) and the work of God in us (\_\_\_\_\_) would now work through us and out of us.

Two common mistakes Christians make in their spiritual growth:

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- \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. II Peter 1:5-7

Peter identifies seven character traits that come from God by exercising your faith.

- They share a \_\_\_\_\_.
- They move in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- They provide both protection and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup> For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. II Peter 1:8-11

## Goodness and Knowledge

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### 1. Goodness – virtue; moral energy; spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8

### 2. Knowledge – understanding, \_\_\_\_\_ and discernment

*I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

John 15:15 (Luke 2:52; Phil. 3:10)

### Next steps for today's message:

- ☐ Thank God that in Christ you are justified and born again.
- ☐ Review the seven character traits of a Christian formed by the Holy Spirit within a Christian. (II Peter 1:5-7)
- ☐ Which of these seven qualities do you need to add to your faith?
- ☐ Visit the table in the foyer to sign up for the Art of Marriage, April 27 & 28.