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Scripture Study

Peter listed several very important qualities that will keep us from falling. Take time to study and meditate on the scripture and the Greek word definitions. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you and build a revelation of these truths in your heart.

2 Peter 1:1-12

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, *to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: (NIV)

✠ * "to those who have received (obtained an equal privilege of) like precious faith with ourselves in and through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:" (AMP)

2 Grace (5485) and peace *be yours in abundance through the knowledge (1922) of God and of Jesus our Lord.

✠ * "be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge" (AMP)

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness *through our knowledge (1922) of him who called us by his own glory (1391) and goodness. (703)

✠ * "through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him" (AMP)

4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption (5356) in the world caused by evil desires. (1939) 5 For this very reason, make every *effort (4710) to add to your faith goodness; (703) and to goodness, knowledge; (1108)

✠ * "adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy)," (AMP)

6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; (5281) and to perseverance, godliness; (2150) 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; (5360) and to brotherly kindness, love.

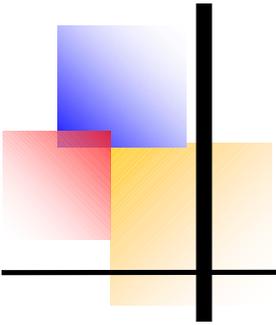
8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective (692) and unproductive (175) in your knowledge (1992) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling (2821) and election (1589) sure. (949) For if you do these things, you will never fall, (4417)

11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. (NIV)



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Greek Word Studies

Grace - 5485 charis (khar'-ece); graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life. Divine influence. " indicating favor on the part of the giver.

Knowledge - 1922 epignosis (ep-ig'-no-sis); recognition, (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement.

Glory - 1391 doxa primarily denotes "an opinion, estimation, repute"; in the NT, always "good opinion, praise, honor, glory, an appearance commanding respect, magnificence, excellence, manifestation of glory"; hence, of angelic powers, in respect of their state as commanding recognition, "dignities".

Corruption - 5356 phthora (fthor-ah'); decay, i.e. ruin (spontaneous or inflicted, literally or figuratively).

Goodness - 703 arete (ar-et'-ay); properly, manliness (valor), i.e. excellence (intrinsic or attributed).

Evil desires - 1939 epithumia (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); a longing (especially for what is forbidden).

Effort - 4710 spoude primarily haste, zeal, diligence, hence means earnest care, carefulness. Merimna conveys the thought of anxiety, of watchful interest and earnestness.

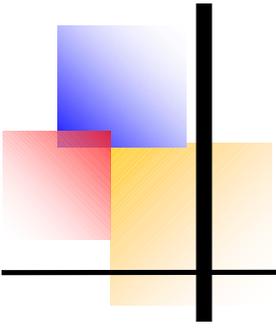
Perseverance - 5281 hupomone (hoop-om-on-ay'); cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy.

Godliness - 2150 eusebeia well, to be devout, denotes that piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him.

Brotherly kindness - 5360 philadelphia (fil-ad-el-fee'-ah); fraternal affection.

Ineffective - 692 argos (ar-gos'); inactive, i.e. unemployed; (by implication) lazy, useless.

Unproductive - 175 akarpos (ak'-ar-pos); barren (literally or figuratively).



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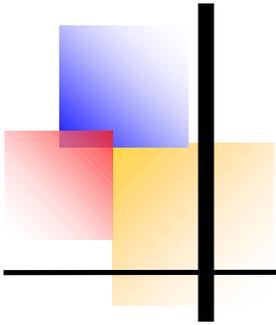
Calling - 2821 klesis "a calling" (akin to A, No. 1), is always used in the NT of that "calling" the origin, nature and destiny of which are heavenly (the idea of invitation being implied); it is used especially of God's invitation to man to accept the benefits of salvation.

Election - 1589 ekloge (ek-log-ay'); (divine) selection (abstractly or concretely).

Sure - 949 bebaios (beb'-ah-yos); (through the idea of basality); stable (literally or figuratively).

Fall - 4417 ptaio (ptah'-yo); to trip, i.e. (figuratively) to err, sin, fail (of salvation).

Knowledge - 1108 gnosis - primarily "a seeking to know, an enquiry, investigation" denotes, in the NT, "knowledge," especially of spiritual truth.



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Study Questions

1. Read and study 2 Peter 1:1-12 as you find numbers in the text, refer to the definitions of the Greek words on page two. Did you study all 12 verses?
2. Comment on 2 Peter 1:1.
3. Using the Greek word definitions to assist you comment on 2 Peter 1:3,4.
4. Refer to 2 Peter 1:5-7 and expound on these verses using the Greek word definitions to assist you.
5. Using the Greek word definitions to assist you expound on 2 Peter 1:8.
6. Complete the following verse. "But if anyone does not _____."
7. Using the Greek word definitions to assist you expound on 2 Peter 1:10.
8. What did God reveal to you as you studied?