



The Epistles of 1 & 2 Peter (Lesson # 37)

The Believer's Needs 2 Peter 1:5-9

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* ⁵ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

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⁹ But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.



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Καὶ [conj adv], and, even, also

αὐτὸ [pron pers acc neut sing, αὐτός] intense adverbial accusative, same, itself

τοῦτο [pron demonstrative acc neut sing, οὗτος] this, very one, very thing, reason

δέ, [conj adv], adds contrast intensity when used with Καὶ, indeed, beside, but

Καὶ αὐτὸ τοῦτο δέ, put together is Greek/English idiom: Now for this reason also

σπουδῆν [noun acc fem sing, σπουδή] diligence, zeal, commitment, earnestness

πᾶσαν [noun acc fem sing, πᾶς] all, fully, supreme, greatest, truly

παρεισενέγκαντες, [part aor act nom masc pl, παρεισφέρω] applied, used

Friberg, As an idiom, bring every effort to, do one's very best, try very hard

Gingrich, apply, bring to bear Danker, bring in alongside, put to use, apply

Para=alongside eis=into phero=bear or carry

Aorist here gives us factual emphasis & makes this be correct application of zeal

Accusative points to 'what' the this/reason is, it is 'diligence truly applied'

** My literal translation

Also the same is this beside, that diligence truly applied is that,



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What does God command us to enable?

Where is this thing God wants us to enable?

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The Accusative case of 'the moral excellence' tells us what God wants enabled... but that is only a part of His drama, He wants all the things in this list enabled...

I believe that this enabled drama is to share and show God's character

From eternity past ***

God's eternal purpose

- To Declare His Glory
- To Reveal His Glory
- To Share His Glory
- To Be Glorified



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4 aspects of Faith ***

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2 Faith – the faith

3 Faith – personal

4 Faith – as a principle

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τῇ ἀρετῇ [def art+noun **dat** fem sing, ἀρετή] **the moral excellence, courage**

τὴν γνῶσιν, [def art+noun **acc** fem sing, γνῶσις] **the knowledge,**

From preceding context, this is God focused knowledge of Christ, that comes from God given moral excellence or courage to reveal God correctly, that is based upon our personally possessed specific faith.

** **My literal translation**

you are to enable in the faith of you, the moral excellence, and in the moral excellence, the knowledge,



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

ἐν δὲ [prep+conj] **and in**

τῇ γνώσει [def art+noun **dat** fem sing, γνῶσις] **the knowledge**

τὴν ἐγκράτειαν, [def art+noun **acc** fem sing, ἐγκράτεια] **the self-control**

ἐν δὲ [prep+conj] **and in**

τῇ ἐγκρατεία [def art+noun **dat** fem sing, ἐγκράτεια] **the self-control**

τὴν ὑπομονήν, [def art+noun **acc** fem sing, ὑπομονή] **the endurance, the patience**

ἐν δὲ [prep+conj] **and in**

τῇ ὑπομονῇ [def art+noun **dat** fem sing, ὑπομονή] **the endurance, the patience**

τὴν εὐσέβειαν, [noun **acc** fem sing, εὐσέβεια] **the godliness, piety**

** My literal translation

and in the knowledge, the self-control,

and in the self-control, the endurance,

and in the endurance, the godliness,



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

ἐν δὲ [prep+conj] **and in**

τῇ εὐσεβείᾳ [def art+noun **dat** fem sing, εὐσέβεια] **the godliness**

τὴν φιλαδελφίαν, [def art+noun **acc** fem sing, φιλαδελφία] **the brotherly love,**

ἐν δὲ [prep+conj] **and in**

τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ [def art+noun **dat** fem sing, φιλαδελφία] **the brotherly love**

τὴν ἀγάπην. [def art+noun **acc** fem sing, ἀγάπη] **the love**

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**and in the godliness, the brotherly love,
and in the brotherly love, the love.**



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ταῦτα [pron dem nom neut pl, οὗτος] **these things**

γὰρ [conj] **for, concerning**

Friberg, a conjunction basically introducing an explanation;

ὑμῖν [pron pers dat pl, σύ] **in you**

ὑπάρχοντα [verb part pres act nom neut pl, ὑπάρχω] **being present**

καὶ [conj] **and, also, even**

πλεονάζοντα [verb part pres act nom neut pl, πλεονάζω] **greatly increasing**

οὐκ [particle or disj part other from οὐ] **not, neither** (because used here with οὐδὲ)

ἀργοὺς [adj acc masc pl, ἀργός] **idle, not working**

Friberg, ἀ (*not*) + ἔργον (*work*); *inactive, not working*

οὐδὲ [conj] **but not, also not, nor**

ἀκάρπους [adj acc masc pl, ἄκαρπος] **without fruit**, worthless,

καθίστησιν [verb ind pres act 3rd pers sing, καθίστημι] **are making**

** My literal translation

**these things for in you, being present and greatly increasing,
neither idle nor without fruit are making you**



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εἰς [prep] with acc means **into, toward, regarding**
τὴν [def art acc fem sing, ὁ] **the** (refers to the full knowledge)
τοῦ κυρίου [def art+noun gen masc sing, κύριος] **of the Lord**
ἡμῶν [pron pers gen pl, ἐγώ] **of us**
Ἰησοῦ [noun gen masc sing, Ἰησοῦς] **Jesus**
Χριστοῦ [noun gen masc sing, Χριστός] **Christ**
ἐπίγνωσιν· [noun acc fem sing, ἐπίγνωσις] **true knowledge**

** My literal translation
regarding the, of the Lord of us Jesus Christ, true knowledge

Accusative points to ‘what is the focus’, it is the true knowledge of our Lord



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ὅς [pron rel dat masc sing, ὅς] **who**, which
γὰρ [conj] **for**, introducing an explanation
μὴ [negative particle] **not**
πάρεστιν [verb ind pres act 3rd pers sing, πάρειμι] **coming to be**
Friberg, παρά (*beside*) + εἰμί (*be*)
ταῦτα, [pron demonstrative nom neut pl, οὗτος] **these things**
τυφλός [adj nom masc sing, τυφλός] **blind**
ἐστίν, [verb ind pres act 3rd pers sing, εἰμί] **he is**
μυωπάζων, [verb part pres act nom masc sing, μυωπάζω] **near-sighted**

** My literal translation

He who for not coming to be these things, blind he is, near-sighted

In positive form, the one who is coming to be, in the present, these things, is not near-sighted, and has God's perspective of reality. He is coming to know God's ways with us.



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λήθην [noun acc fem sing, λήθη] **forgetful**
λαβῶν [verb part aor act nom masc sing, λαμβάνω] of **of his having received**
τοῦ καθαρισμοῦ [def art+noun gen masc sing, καθαρισμός] **the cleansing**
τῶν [def art gen fem pl, ὅ] **from the**
πάλαι [adv, πάλαι] **of old, long ago**
αὐτοῦ [pron pers gen masc sing, αὐτός] **of him**
ἁμαρτιῶν. [noun gen fem pl, ἁμαρτία] **sins**

** My literal translation

forgetful of his having received the cleansing from the long ago of him sins

He does not remember being cleansed from past sins

**The one not becoming the enabler of the things listed,
and he can only see sins occurring now because he is short-sighted**



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As illustrations (and reminders):

- **Acts 2** gives one example of God's moral excellence being enabled by the believers, including Peter, on the day of Pentecost, after having received the Holy Spirit... They spoke powerfully, in unknown to them languages, of God's character, with great courage, and many believed, being cut to the heart with conviction upon hearing God's message about His Son...
- **Rom 8:28-31** "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become conformed* to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; ³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?"
- **1 Cor 3:17-18** "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there is liberty.*¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being *transformed* into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."



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A few facts in these 9 verses that are for us as believers in Christ

- The first 4 verses of 2 Peter, give us 2 reminders, that we have from the righteous of God all we need for life and godliness, and that we have precious promises to believe that will enable us reveal the grace and knowledge of Christ our Lord, even unto the maturity of Christ our Savior.
- The 5 verses we looked at today, express the will of our God and the ways He will accomplish His will through believers. He commands us to enable His character to be seen in our manner of living, His expression of Himself thru us is the drama God wants shown to the world. This is the logical result of believing what He reveals to us of Himself. This is the how we are to respond to His command. When we see in His word His character as shown to us by the Holy Spirit, and then believe it personally as reality, we have enabled His character, His nature, to be lived by Him thru us, and as a result, His glory will be seen by those around us.



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6 expressions of **precious** in these 2 letters by Peter

- 1 Pt 1:7 so that the proof of your faith, *being* more **precious** than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- 1 Pt 1:19 but with **precious** blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.
- 1 Pt 2:4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and **precious** in the sight of God,
- 1 Pt 2:6-7 For *this* is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A **PRECIOUS** CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." This **precious** value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*,"
- 2 Pt 1:4 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.