


Christian Virtues and God's Grace

2Peter 1:2-13


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Multiplied Grace

- **2Peter 1:2, 3**

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.



Our faith must rest on God's promises

- **2Peter 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.

Recipients of grace are to be diligent

■ **2Peter 1:5, 6**

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,

True Christians must grow in Christian virtues

■ **2Peter 1:7, 8**

and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The danger of forgetting

■ **2Peter 1:9**

For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

We should not presume on being God's elect

■ **2Peter 1:10**

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

The reward is eschatological

■ **2Peter 1:11**

for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Christians always need to be reminded

■ **2Peter 1:12, 13**

Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder,

To remember is a good thing

- **Hebrews 12:5**
and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him;"
- **Hebrews 10:32**
But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

It is possible for churches to forget why they exist!

- **Revelation 2:5**
'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place unless you repent.

Means of grace help us remember

- **Revelation 3:2, 3**
Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

Means of grace help us remember

■ **1Corinthians 11:24, 25**

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Means of grace help us remember

■ **2Peter 3:1, 2**

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

Means of grace help us remember

■ **Colossians 2:12, 13**

having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

Means of grace help us remember

■ **Deuteronomy 6:6 - 9**

These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Faith rests on the promises of God

■ **Hebrews 11:1, 7**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. . . . By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Faith rests on the promises of God

■ **Hebrews 11:8 - 10**

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

