

# Growing Assurance

## 2 Peter 1:1-11

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### I. Theme Verse:

"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 (2 Peter 3:1-2)"

### II. Section Verse:

"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. 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 (2 Peter 1:3-4)"

### III. Section Theme:

- 1) Believers are commanded to take full advantage of the divine power and the promises of God which make it possible to participate in the divine nature, overcoming the corruption caused by our unredeemed flesh (2 Peter 1:3-4; Romans 7).
- 2) Believers practice the characteristics of the divine nature so that can experience the assurance of salvation (2 Peter 1:5-11).

### IV. Book Outline:

- I. Know Your Salvation (1:3-11)
  - A. Sustained by God's Power (1:3-4)
  - B. Confirmed by Christian Graces (1:5-7)
  - C. Honored by Abundant Reward (1:8-11)
- II. Know Your Scriptures (1:12-21)
  - A. Certified by Apostolic Witnesses (1:12-18)
  - B. Inspired by the Holy Spirit (1:19-21)
- III. Know Your Adversaries (2:1-22)
  - A. Deceptive in Their Infiltration (2:1-3)
  - B. Doomed by their Iniquity (2:4-10a)
  - C. Disdainful in Their Impurity (2:10b-17)
  - D. Devastating in their Impact (2:18-22)
- IV. Know Your Future (3:1-10)
- V. Know Your Sanctification (3:11-18)

### V Section Outline:

Introduction (1:1a): \_\_\_\_\_.

I. Recipients (1:1b): \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Greeting (1:2): \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Power Knowledge (1:3):** \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. Precious Promises (1:4):** \_\_\_\_\_.

**VI. Persistent Diligence (1:5-7):** \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Faith (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

b. moral excellence (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

c. knowledge (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

d. self-control (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

e. perseverance (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

f. godliness (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

g. brotherly kindness (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

h. love (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. Proliferating Qualities Yours? (1:8):** \_\_\_\_\_.

**VIII. Purification Forgotten? (1:9):** \_\_\_\_\_.

**IX. Procure Assurance (1:10-11 - Verses point back to 1:5 - Continual process - Not one-time action):** \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **X. What's Next?:**

**1)** Without true faith, the unbeliever should call out in repentance and faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (2 Corinthians 13:5 – “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?”)

**2)** In faith, the believer has precious and magnificent promises, making him complete and ready to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ “both now and to the day of eternity.”

**3)** Assurance motivates Obedience and Christian service. We need to commit every ounce our energy to living as God instructs—maximum effort human effort (“Assurance is like weights to the clock to keep all the wheels of obedience running” Thomas Watson).

**4)** Assurance motivates increasing Christian virtue in the midst of temptation. (2 Peter 2:9 “Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”)