

The Fruit of Godliness



2 Peter 1:8-11

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The Source - 2 Peter 1:1-4

¹ Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ 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.** 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.

The Practice - 2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵ Now for this very reason also, **applying all diligence**, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

A Moment for Mothers

For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. 2 Timothy 1:5

The words of King Lemuel, the oracle which his mother taught him: What, O my son? And what, O son of my womb? And what, O son of my vows? Do not give your strength to women, Or your ways to that which destroys kings. It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine... Open your mouth for the mute, For the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, And defend the rights of the afflicted and needy. An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels... Proverbs 31

A Mother's Day card with a light green background. The text 'HAPPY' is in a green serif font, and 'Mother's Day' is in a pink cursive font. There are several pink tulips of various sizes and stages of bloom. The card has a white border and a shadow on the left side.

HAPPY
Mother's Day

WE HONOR AND LOVE YOU

The Fruit - 2 Peter 1:8-11

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Earnestly
Do This!

Where's the Fruit?

Walk in
the Spirit

2 Peter 1:5-7

- moral excellence
- knowledge
- self-control
- perseverance
- godliness
- brotherly kindness
- love

Galatians 5:22-23

- love
- joy
- peace
- patience
- kindness
- goodness
- faithfulness
- gentleness
- self-control



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10, 11 – Make Sure

Make Fruit (1)

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- The term “are yours” implies “are *really* yours”
- Godliness is progressive, not static
- Essentially “enable you to produce/obtain fruit”
- The fruit is **true** (experiential) knowledge of Jesus Christ

I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

The apostle Paul, *Philippians 3:8-11*

Make Fruit (2)

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- Can't see the import of what Christ has done for him/her
- Christ **DIED** so that we could **LIVE**
- In Christ, we **DIED** to **SIN** so that we can **LIVE** for God
- If we understand this, we will practice godliness

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:1-4

Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:7-10

Make Sure (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;**

- Remember “The Importance of Being Earnest”
- Choosing (election) = God’s eternal choice to save you
- Calling = God’s action in time to call you to salvation
- Make certain = prove, confirm, be sure of
- We will be prepared for every challenge

Faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works. Show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith without the works." You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But you are unwilling to recognize, you foolish fellow, that our fathers were justified by works, not by faith alone. Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith was perfected by his works, and he was called the friend of God. You see that his faith was perfected by his works, and he was called the friend of God. You see that his faith was perfected by his works, and he was called the friend of God. In the same way, was not Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

**Actions Prove the
Reality of Faith**

Case in Point - Luke 17:5-7,11-14

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you... While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." **And as they were going, they were cleansed.**

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Case in Point - Matthew 25

Verses 1-13 - The wise and foolish virgins

Verses 14-30 - The servants and the talents

Verses 31- The sheep and the goats

In each case, those who truly believed acted accordingly.

The fruit of faith come after the doing, not the believing.

Make Sure (2)

¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the **eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ** will be abundantly supplied to you.

- We can have a glimpse of the eternal kingdom now
- “For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:17

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