

## 2 Peter - Week 4

### Spiritual Growth Brings Results, Part II

2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 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. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

We were elected and we did have a **choice**.

There are **two** factors in human redemption:

1. God's moving of His divine **grace** towards us  
God initiated the faith walk and He initiated the cross that man might humbly come to Him, not just for heaven, but for **relationship**.
2. The response of man's **heart** to this calling  
Divine grace and effectual calling by God to save us leaves all believers with a tremendous **conviction** and **confidence** in the fact God calls and we respond.

What does assurance depend on (apart from the promises of God?)

It depends on what you believe.

- Some beliefs are determined by natural **disposition**.
- Some folks lack **faith** in what God promises, so fear dictates their beliefs.
- Some folks just believe what they're **told** to believe.

So how can we be certain and know we are growing spiritually?

1. We will see **fruitfulness**.
  - We will be revealing godly **character** in our everyday life.
  - The believer who is not seeking or growing is called **idle** in scripture. The word also means unfruitful or **ineffective**.

The most effective Christians, the ones God uses in marvelous ways, are not usually superstars.

- They are **available** and growing in Christ.
- They are fruitful because they are **faithful**.

- All we need for life is **already** inside us.
  - People of faith will not stand still. The nature of faith is to **grow**.
2. Christians are fruitful because they have **vision**.
- WE are people of **revelation**.
  - We lose vision mainly because we have **forgotten** all God has done for us.
  - Peter wants us to open our eyes to see where God is working and **join** Him.
3. Christians are fruitful because have **godly** confidence.
- The godly, growing Christian walks in confidence because he knows he is **secure** in Christ.
  - We become fruitful, with Godly vision and a **changed** life because God gives us our assurance.
  - No change, no **Jesus**.
  - The person who claims to be a child of God and gives no evidence of spiritual growth or **desire** for the things of God is deceiving himself and will face judgment.

So what should be our response?

- We are to be **diligent** to make every effort to release in us what God has given us.
- We must allow God to **work** in us before He can use us according to His will.

Final thoughts:

- True assurance of our salvation and calling requires godly character, and it must be **developed**.
- Godly assurance comes out of growth and godly **living**.