



WORKSHOP

The Path to the Divine Nature— Foundational Teaching (II Peter 1:5-15)

The Discipleship Formula

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue**, to virtue knowledge, to **knowledge self-control**, to **self-control perseverance**, to **perseverance godliness**, to **godliness brotherly kindness**, and to **brotherly kindness love**. For if these things are yours and abound, you will **be neither barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is **shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins**. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will **never stumble**; for so an **entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” II Peter 1:5-11 NKJV

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- ☑ **Discuss and define Faith and the seven steps process to discipleship!**
- ☑ Faith—the free gift from Yahweh
- ☑ Virtue—always the first thing that follows faith and must precede all others, or your coordinates will ALWAYS be off target!
- ☑ Knowledge—is what you need to know in order to act wisely!
- ☑ Self-control—don’t follow your first impulses and desires!
- ☑ Perseverance—doing what is right no matter how hard or how long it takes!
- ☑ Godliness —let’s call this holistic integrity!
- ☑ Brotherly Kindness—It’s simple, but not easy...prefer others!
- ☑ Love—God is love, plain and simple!

- ☑ *“For if these things are yours and abound, you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful** in the **knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**” II Peter 1:8 NKJV*
- ☑ Why is it important to know that everything is built on the free gift of faith!
- ☑ Why is it critical that the seven steps are presented in a precise order and that they should be applied in the precise order?
- ☑ Discuss the progression from one step to the other.
- ☑ What does it mean to be barren or unfruitful?
- ☑ What does it mean to know the Lord?

- ☑ *“For he who **lacks these things** is **shortsighted, even to blindness**, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:9 NKJV*
- ☑ What does it mean to forget you were cleansed from your old sins?
- ☑ Is this something you do in your faith walk?

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- ☑ What does it mean to make your election sure?

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- ☑ Why is it so important that we recognize this is a reminder?
- ☑ Why is it so significant that we recognize that Peter knows he is in the very last days of his life as he writes this letter?

NEXT WEEK

The Path to the Divine Nature—Scripture Resources (II Peter 1:5-15)