

Let us begin with the ninth lecture on 1 and 2 Peter. / Today we will begin from 2 Peter 1:5.

/Please read verse 5. / For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

/There are eight virtues in achieving salvation. / We can accomplish these eight virtues when we work hard at it. / The first among the eight virtues is faith. / Second is goodness.

/Verse 5 says, “add to your faith goodness.” / “Goodness” refers to godliness / and benefitting others. / There are people who have faith but no goodness. / Believers who do not have goodness harm the church and are criticized for their actions.

/Then they cover the glory of God. / This is why we must make every effort to add goodness to our faith. / We must be good in our speech, / and we must be good in our actions.

/Third, we must add knowledge to goodness. / This knowledge is the right knowledge that is founded on Scripture. / What happens if one does not have knowledge? / He will be deceived by Satan, / fail to walk down the proper path, and fall to temptations.

/In Matthew 10:16, / Jesus said, “Be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.” / This knowledge refers to spiritual knowledge.

/One cannot discern the devil without spiritual knowledge. / He will be deceived by Satan and fail. / We must make every effort to have spiritual wisdom.

/Verse 6. / and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

/It says here, “to knowledge, self-control.” / We must have self-control, / and self-control makes us control ourselves. / It makes us control ourselves and do what is acceptable to God, / and stop what is not acceptable to God.

/We must have self-control in every part of our lives as we live with faith. / We must have self-control over materials, /time, /health, /strength, /environments, /and in all ways so that we can live well with faith.

/Fifth, it says, “to self-control, perseverance.” / We need perseverance. / Perseverance helps us bear with difficulties. / We cannot have self-control without perseverance, /and we cannot live with faith if we do not have perseverance.

/Therefore, it is very important for us believers to persevere. / We must endure and persevere. / Pastor Hyung Bong Kim spoke of three important things of Christianity, /and first is perseverance, /second is perseverance, /and third is also perseverance.

/The more we live with faith, /the more we realize how important it is to persevere. /Hence, we must strive to persevere until the end. /Sixth, it says, “to perseverance, godliness.”

/We believers of Jesus must be godly. / What is godliness? / It is to not be tainted by secularism, / and it is to be upright before God. /We must strive to not be tainted by the world, /and also strive to be upright before God.

/Verse 7. / and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

/Here it speaks of “brotherly kindness.” / This is natural love. / When we become brothers and sisters in Christ, we naturally begin to love one another. / Believers in the church have been saved and have become brothers and sisters.

/Therefore, we must love everyone. / Lastly, eight, / “love.” / The love here is / agape love. / This is holy love, / the greatest spiritual love.

/We must have this love / and share it with all people. / We must know that we must love everyone. / When we become such people, / we will truly participate in God’s divine nature.

/Among the eight virtues, / I pray that you will strive to work hard at what you lack, /and strive to work even harder at what you are good at.

/Verse 8. / For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

/Some believers / have all of these eight virtues, / while others / have none at all. / First, those who have all these eight virtues, / what do they do? / They are not lazy in knowing Jesus.

/They strive all the more to know Jesus. / The more we know Jesus, the more we will see how great and worthy He is. / The more we know Jesus, the happier we will be, /and we will love /and not be lazy.

/We will know Jesus more and more. / Then we will bear much fruit of faith. /Then what about those who do not have the eight virtues?

/Verse 9. / But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

/They will become spiritually blind. / Spiritual blindness refers to the inability to see or believe God, / the inability to discern God's will, / and the inability to know spiritual things. / Those who are spiritually blind are nearsighted. /They will not see things that are far away.

/Our faith will not grow if we only see what is right in front of us. / We must be able to see what is ahead. / We must see the future. / We must see the afterlife. / We need to see life after death.

/Those who do not the eight virtues cannot look ahead, / and because they cannot see, / they are overanxious about the present. / They have forgotten that they have been cleansed from past sins.

/Jesus cleansed us of past sins, /and they forget this and live again in sin. /They love the world /and chase after the world. /Then in the end, they stumble in the end.

/Verse 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,

/If we have the eight virtues, we will never fall, / and anyone who does not have them will fall. / To fall means to fail. /It means to fall on one's path. /If we fall, we cannot live with faith.

/What must we do to fulfill these eight virtues? / We must make every effort. / In verse 5, we are told to make every effort. / Verse 10 also tells us to make every effort.

/We must make every effort so that we do not forget that God has elected and called us. / We

must make every effort to give thanks and stand firm in faith. / We must also make every effort to have these eight virtues.

/God gives strength to those who make efforts. / When we make every effort to have these eight virtues, / God will allow us to enter his kingdom /and receive glorious salvation.

/Verse 11. / and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

/It says in verse 10, “if you do these things.” / “These things” refer to the eight virtues. /Then, “you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” / “A rich welcome” indicates glorious salvation, / not shameful salvation.

/Verse 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.

/Here Peter reminds the believers of the truth. / It says, “even though you know them.” / This means that / they knew God’s word, /but Peter wanted to remind them again.

/Why did Peter testify about the truth again? / He testified because it was important, /and he wanted to remind the believers once again.

/In verse 13, he says that he would refresh their memory as long as he lived in the tent of the body. / In verse 14, he says that he knew that he would be put aside. / Thus, in verse 15, Peter says that he would make every effort to teach God’s word.

/Even if believers know the truth, we must continually teach them. / Then, the believers will not forget the truth and will treasure it. / In certain situations, they will then remember the word of truth.

/Peter taught the believers, /and he reminded them of the word of truth. /This was because he knew that he would leave the tent. /Leaving the tent indicates death and martyrdom.

/Peter knew that he would be martyred, and he diligently taught the believers. /We must diligently teach God’s word while knowing that we too will soon leave our tents. / Peter strived to

teach believers all about the truth that they needed.

/We must strive to teach more /and more of the truth. /We must see that believers will remember the truth and live with faith even after we leave this earth. / 2 Timothy 4:7 speaks of Paul's confession.

/Paul said that he fought the good fight, / finished the race, / and kept the faith. / We must do the same today. / We must teach our children, / evangelize, / serve, / and then leave this earth.

/Proof of the Second Coming. / Verses 16-18.

/Verse 16. / We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

/Referring to the Second Coming of Jesus, / Peter says, "We did not follow cleverly devised stories." / What do clearly invented stories mean? / They refer to stories made up by humans, / or myths or fables. / The Lord's Second Coming is not a myth.

/It is not a fable. / It will actually take place. / Peter was an eyewitness to Jesus' great majesty. / Peter saw the transfiguration of Jesus.

/Peter spoke of what he saw. / He saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. / Matthew 17:1-8. / Jesus showed the disciples in advance / that He would return in a spiritual body. / "We ourselves heard this voice."

/Verse 18. / We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

/It says, "We ourselves heard this voice." / By we, Peter means / that he / heard this voice with John / and James. / "Him," in "we were with him," means that they were with Jesus.

/The holy mountain was the mountain where Jesus was transfigured. / They heard a voice from heaven. / Thus, the prophecy about the Second Coming of Jesus would surely be fulfilled. / Jesus' transfiguration / was proof that Jesus would surely return.

/Because the Bible testifies to it, / the Lord's return will surely be fulfilled. / The Second Coming will surely take place because Jesus said it would, / and also because the disciples saw and heard.

/The assurance and danger of prophecy. / Verses 19-21.

/Verse 19. / And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

/In verse 19, / it says, "we have the word of the prophets made more certain." / The word made more certain refers to the recorded prophecies in Scripture. / Peter, James, and John/ saw the transfiguration of Jesus with their eyes, / and they heard with their ears the voice that came from heaven.

/Peter meant that the recorded Scripture was more definite than these things. / This is because the things people hear with their ears can be mistaken, / and the things they see with their eyes can be mistaken as well. / However, the written word of God / is definite, and hence, it is more certain.

/However, the word of prophecy / can only be known when the morning star rises. / Verse 19 says, / "until the day dawns / and the morning star rises in your hearts." / What does "until the day dawns" mean?

/When the day dawns, darkness goes away and the day becomes bright. / The spiritual teaching of this / is that darkness will become light. / The morning star will rise, / which refers to accurate understanding of the truth.

/The morning star will rise only when the day dawns. / This means that the spiritual side must become bright in order to properly understand the truth. / If our spiritual sides do not become bright, / we will not understand the truth.

/If we want to understand the truth, our spiritual sides must first become bright. / The day must dawn. / The morning star rises when the day dawn. / Then we will realize the truth.

/Faith of the rising of the morning star in our hearts. / First, our spiritual eyes will become

bright. / Matthew 6:21-24. / The morning star must rise, / and our spiritual eyes will become bright when the morning star rises. / When our spiritual eyes become bright, we will see the spiritual world / and we will see God.

/Second, our spiritual eyes will grow bright when our souls grow. / Our spiritual eyes grew bright a little bit when we were reborn, / and our spiritual eyes will grow brighter when our born again spirits grow. / We must do two things in order for our souls to grow.

/ (1) We must put off our sins/ and our old selves. / As we studied earlier, / we must have the eight virtues. / Our souls grow when we throw out the old self. / (2) Obedience to God's word.

/Our souls grow when we obey. / When we obey the parts of God's word that are difficult to obey, / our souls will grow more and more.

/Third, we must remain in the Lord's word / for the spiritual world to grow brighter. / John 8:31-32. / We must always hold to the teachings of Jesus. / Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, / you are really / my disciples."

/When we hold on to God's word, our spirits will grow bright, / we will fully understand the truth, / and we will enjoy spiritual freedom through the truth.

/Fourth, / we will understand the prophecy when the word of prophecy is fulfilled. / The fulfillment of the prophecy is the dawning of the day, / and seeing and understanding it is the rising of the morning star.

/There are times when we do not fully understand the prophecy until it is fulfilled. / In Daniel, / it says that the prophecy / can be understood when it is fulfilled. / Daniel 2:45; 10:14; 12:8.

/In Revelation 5:3, 4, / John wept because there was no one to open or look inside the scroll. / However, in Revelation 6:1, / it says that the scroll is opened. / The opening of the scroll/ refers to the fulfillment of the prophecy.

/When the prophecy is fulfilled, / we will fully understand the prophecy. / In Revelation 13:1, / there is a beast, / and in 13:11, there is a beast that is like a lamb. / We did not know before this prophecy was fulfilled.

/Yet, now that the prophecy has been fulfilled, we understand it. / The beast that is like a lamb symbolizes corrupted Christianity. / It indicates Roman Catholicism or liberation theology.

/Anyone who sees the fulfillment of the prophecy / will understand. / Therefore, it is important that the day dawns / and the morning star rises. / This contrasts with the world. / The morning star must rise in the sky / in order for the day to dawn.

/The world of faith is opposite of this. / The day must dawn first. / Then the morning star will rise. / The spirit must become bright. / Then the spirit can understand the truth. / We can be people of the truth only when we understand the truth.

/Many people followed Jesus in His time, / but not everyone understood the truth. / Thus, people left / after Jesus fed them with bread. / Jesus asked the disciples, "You do not want to leave too, do you?"

/Then Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? / You have words of eternal life." / Peter realized the truth. / There is eternal life in Jesus. / Jesus is holy.

/Peter also knew that salvation comes from no other name than the name of Jesus. / He knew that there is no salvation apart from Jesus. / This is why Peter did not leave the Lord / even when all others left Jesus.

/Today, many people love and pursue the truth. / Yet, unfortunately, many leave the truth. / Many leave Jesus. / There are many pastors who leave Jesus.

/There are many seminary students who leave. / Why do they leave? They leave because their spirits are not yet awake / and the morning star has not yet risen. / They did not understand the truth. / Their souls did not grow. / Therefore, they leave.

/However, whoever understands the truth / will follow until the end, even in the midst of hardships and sufferings.

/Verse 20. / Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.



/Let's discuss one more thing about verse 19. / The truth that is fully understood is more accurate than what the disciples saw and heard at the transfiguration. / Therefore, we must not interpret the Bible with humanly thinking before the rising of the morning star, / but must be careful and wait until the morning star rises.

/If a passage in the Bible / is difficult to understand, / we must not forcefully interpret it, / but pass over it. / Then we can testify to it after we understand it.

/In verse 20, / how should we interpret prophecies? / It says in verse 20, "no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation." / When interpreting prophecies, / first, we must not interpret with our own interpretations.

/What does it mean to interpret with one's own interpretation? / It means to interpret the Bible according to one's thoughts / by using man's reason or studies.

/Third, we can interpret properly when we receive the light and guidance of the Holy Spirit. / Fourth, the day must dawn and the morning star must rise. / Our spiritual eyes must grow bright / and we must understand the truth. / We also do not know when our faith is young.

/When our faith grows, we will know with certainty. / What happens when we interpret without this? / When we forcefully interpret the Bible / with humanly thoughts, / knowledge, / and with our own thoughts, / we will be destroyed. / 2 Peter 3:16.

/Verse 21. / For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

/It says, "For prophecy never had its origin in the will man." / "But men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." / How do scholars of new theology interpret the Bible?

/They use human reason, / philosophy, / and worldly thoughts to interpret the Bible. / Mystics / forcefully interpret the Bible with dreams or visions, / or with their emotions.

/In Roman Catholicism, / only the pope or / the religious council / can interpret the Bible. / Methods of interpretation of scholars of new theology, / mystics, / and Roman Catholicism / are

unbiblical and wrong.

/Concerning the entire Bible, / verse 21 / says, first, that men spoke from God / as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. / Second, man recorded the Bible, / but they were not words of human beings / but the word of God.

/Therefore, the Bible is God's word / and it helps us know God's will. / The Bible is useful for teaching, rebuking, / correcting and training in righteousness, / and it makes us complete as people of God. / 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

/Organic inspiration of Scripture. / God moved the hearts of the writers of the Bible / and used their knowledge, / styles of writing, / and traits / to record God's will / without error. / We believe in the organic inspiration of Scripture.

/Verbal plenary inspiration of Scripture. / What is this? / It is the belief that every single word of the Bible was recorded through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. / Each word, not each verse, / was recorded through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. / The verbal plenary inspiration is also a correct view.

/The Bible is the rule of life to us, / Jesus is our Teacher, / and we have divine power (1:3). / Hence, we can be made complete / through Jesus.

/With this we will conclude the ninth lecture on 1 and 2 Peter. / Thank you.