

The Abundant Life

Part one of the series, "Abundant"

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2 Peter 1:1-11 ESV

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
(John 10:10 ESV)*

"Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:1 ESV)

Abundance comes from knowing Jesus Christ as Lord (v. 2)

*"May **grace** and **peace** be multiplied to you (be yours in abundance) in the knowledge of God and of Jesus **our Lord**."*

Knowing Jesus as Lord enables us to grow in godliness. (v. 3-4)

*"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and **godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to **his own glory and excellence**, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."*

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV)*

Growing in godliness is a partnership with the Holy Spirit and our own effort. (v. 3-4, 5-9)

*"His **divine power** has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to **his own glory and excellence...through them** (his own glory and goodness) you may become partakers of the divine nature..."*

*"For this very reason, **make every effort** to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are **increasing**, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins."*

- The Word
- The Spirit
- The Church

Godliness culminates in the abundance of eternal life. (v. 10-11)

"Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

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