

“These Things”

2 Pet. 1:8-15

Introduction:

- A. “These Things” must be important.
 - 1. 4 times in 8 verses.
 - 2. Connected with important things.
- B. “These Things” need to be studied and taught.
 - 1. We need to understand what “these things” are.
 - 2. We need to know what “these things” can do.

Discussion:

I. The Meaning Of “These Things.”

- A. “Add” = to blend together like parts of musical composition to make up whole.
- B. “Faith” = Belief or trust based on word of God. (Rom. 10:17; Gal. 5:6).
- C. “Virtue” = Moral excellence or moral courage. (cf. Joseph, Peter's lack of, “no man” 2 Tim. 4:16).
- D. “Knowledge” = Discernment. (cf. Heb. 5:12-14).
- E. “Temperance” (Self-control).
- F. “Patience” (Perseverance). Never give up, not apathy.
- G. “Godliness” = Reverence for God and Things pertaining to Him.
- H. “Brotherly kindness” = Doing good toward fellow Christians.
- I. “Charity” (Love) = General love toward all.

II. The Importance Of “These Things”.

- A. Because have great promises. (v. 4) - “for this very reason” (v. 5).
- B. Because we have escaped the world. (v. 4).
 - 1. Love not world. (1 John. 2:15)
 - 2. Not conformed to world. (Rom. 12:1,2).
- C. To make us fruitful in knowledge. (v. 8) - “abound”
- D. To keep us from falling. (v. 9-11).
- E. Because of their lasting value. (vs. 12-15).

III. The Teaching Of “These Things”.

- A. Need to be taught “always”. (v. 12).
- B. Need to be taught “stirringly” (v. 13)
- C. Need to be taught repetitiously. (v. 12-15).

Conclusion:

- A. What are you doing with “these things”?
- B. What kind of faith do you have to which you will add these things?
 - 1. A dead faith? (Jas. 2:26).
 - 2. An obedient faith? One that made you a child of God? (Gal. 3:26-27).