



## Confirming Your Calling (Part 10)

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### 2 Peter 1:11



**3** Just as His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. **4** Through these He has given to us precious and very great promises, in order that by them you may become a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust. **5** Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in [your] moral excellence knowledge, **6** and in [your] knowledge, self control, and in [your] self control, perseverance, and in [your] perseverance, godliness, **7** and in [your] godliness, brotherly kindness, and in [your] brotherly kindness, love. **8** For if these things

are yours and are increasing, they make you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** For he who is lacking these is blind or shortsighted, being forgetful of the purification of his former sins. **10** Therefore, brethren, be diligent to make your calling and election sure, for in doing these things you will never fall. **11** For in this way the entrance to the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be abundantly supplied to you.

– 2 Peter 1:3-11, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

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The Passage is Also Found on Page 183 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

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### I. Salvations Sufficiency: The Believer's Inheritance (3-4)

### II. Salvation's Service: The Believer's Fruitfulness (5-9)

### III. Salvation's Surety: The Believer's Assurance (10-11)

#### A. Being Certain about Your Calling and Election

☞ 1. What Does It Mean? (v. 10)

☞ 2. How Do We Do It? (v. 10)

- a. First: the \_\_\_\_\_ is ours
- b. Second: it takes \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Third: we can be \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Fourth: take note of the context (vv. 3-9)

☞ 3. Why Do We Do It? (v. 10)

#### ☞ 4. What Is The Goal? (v. 11)

a. The first thing we need to note is that this is about entering the \_\_\_\_\_ which is synonymous with inheriting eternal life (cf. Matt. 5:20, 7:21; Mark 10:23; Luke 18:17; John 3:5; Acts 14:22)

b. The Objective: Getting Home

(1) Responsibilities of the elders in that regard....

c. Realized versus Future Eschatology

### **IV. Some Thoughts as to a Theology of Assurance**

#### A. Four Questions to Ask

1. Do I Have True Knowledge?

2. Do I Have a Real Faith?

3. Am I in the Battle?

4. Do I Hate My Sin?

B. How can I have greater assurance of my salvation?

1. Time in the Word

2. Time with the People of God

3. Cultivate a Relationship With God (Prayer)

4. Exercise your Spiritual Muscles

5. Be Sure Christ is the Foundation of Your Assurance

6. Work Toward a "Happy Death"