



Confirming Your Calling (Part 4)

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2 Peter 1:5b-6a



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.

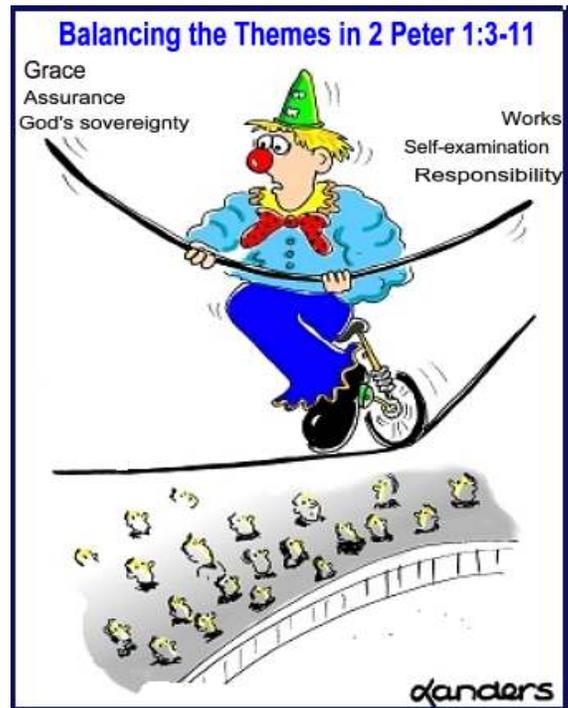
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I. Salvations Sufficiency: The Believer's Inheritance (3-4)

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

* *Applying all diligence . . .*

"diligence" = *pareispher* "bring alongside of"
(Implies significant effort)



* *In your faith supply . . .*

The role of the 'Chor gos' in ancient Greece

A. Fruitfulness Demonstrated Through Seven Virtues (5-7)

1. Moral Excellence (5) — *aret*

In verses 5-7 Peter uses a literary device known as *sorites*. This is an argument formed by taking the predicate from one statement and making it the subject of the next statement.

This was common in Jewish literature. Note this example of sorites taken from the Mishnah:

2. Knowledge (5) — *gn sis*

“Heedfulness leads to cleanliness, and cleanliness leads to purity, and purity leads to abstinence, and abstinence leads to holiness, and holiness leads to humility, and humility leads to the shunning of sin, and the shunning of sin leads to saintliness, and saintliness leads to the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit leads to the resurrection of the dead.” (M. Sotah 9:15)

3. Self Control (6) — *epikrateia*