



## Confirming Your Calling (Part 5)

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2 Peter 1:6b-7



**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)

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

1. Moral Excellence (5) — *aret*

2. Knowledge (5) — *gn sis*

3. Self Control (6) — *epikrateia*

4. Perseverance (6)

a. Common word: ὑπομονη - from ὑπο + μονη (from μενω)

b. Perseverance of the Saints

(1) Perseverance compared to Eternal Security

"The continuous activity of God within the believer whereby the work of grace that was begun in the heart is brought to final completion."  
– Louis Berkof

(a) Is there a faith that does not save?

"John [i.e. in 1 John 2:19] presupposes that spurious faith is possible, but that genuine faith, by definition, perseveres." — D.A. Carson

Westminster Confession of Faith: "They whom God hath accepted in His Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace; but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved." (chapt. 17, sect. 1).

"Nevertheless [believers] may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalancy of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and for a time continue therein; whereby they incur God's displeasure, and grieve his Holy Spirit; come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts; have their hearts hardened and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgements upon themselves." (Section 3)

(2) Perseverance is a gift of God's grace: It is the response of the redeemed based upon the grace of the Redeemer

(a) Perseverance is both a gift and a responsibility

(3) Perseverance in light of Peter's audience (cf. 1:12; chapter 2)

(4) Perseverance in light of two issues that plague the contemporary American church

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(b) A

5. Godliness (6)

a. ευσεβία = The same word we saw in verse 3

6. Brotherly kindness (7)

a. φιλαδέλφια = brotherly love, brotherly kindness

7. Love (7) — The apex of the *sorites*