

## Confirming Your Calling (Part 8)

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*2 Peter 1:8-9*

**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)

#### B. Staying Out of the Danger Zone (8-9)

##### 1. A Positive Exhortation (v. 8)

a. The preposition *gar* ("for") connects this section with vv. 3-7

(1) Two conditions:

- 1) The virtues are in your possession (yours)
- 2) They are growing (increasing)

b. Question as to the conditional translation ('if')

c. "Increasing" (**pleonaz** = abounding / multiplying)

d. Result: You are neither useless nor unfruitful

## 2. A Negative Warning (v. 9)

a. "Lacking" comes from the verb **pareimi** (with the negative **m** meaning "not") "to be present," "have at one's disposal," or "to be near at hand"

b. Scripture's warnings against spiritual blindness . . .

c. What does it mean, "being forgetful of his former sins?"

(1) Some options:

(2) Conclusions:

"This is the admonition which Peter gives to us who believe, to agitate and perform those works by which we shall in this one conviction, namely, that faith alone justifies. Where this then is present, there works must follow." [Martin Luther]