



## Confirming Your Calling (Part 7)

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*2 Peter 1:8*



**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)**

A. An Inheritance Granted by Grace (3)

B. An Inheritance Grounded in God's Call (3)

C. An Inheritance Guaranteed to Sanctify (4)

1. Positively: We become partakers of the divine nature (4)

2. Negatively: We escape the world's corruption (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)

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#### 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

(1) Useless (cf. Matthew 20:3,6; James 2:20)

(2) Unfruitful (cf. Matthew 13; Matthew 7)

e. What does "in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" refer to?

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