

From Faith to Love #1

Introduction

2 Peter 1:3-11

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- ▶ Ultimately life is a **journey**
 - ▶ This journey has a **destination**, where do think you will be?
 - ▶ Where are you going to end up in 10 years has much to do with your **choices** today (i.e. career, family, health...)
 - ▶ Your relationship with God is the same...are you satisfy with your relationship with God?
 - ▶ Does it even matter? (you may ask)
 - ▶ Yes, it does...a great deal actually. Not just your *spiritual health* (i.e. peace, joy, self-control...) every other aspect of your life are depending on this one thing—our **relationship** with God

God wants to Bless you

- ▶ God cares a great deal about our **relationship** with Him
- ▶ He wants us to have the greatest **satisfaction** in Him (John 10:10), and the life that we are meant to live 😊
- ▶ Are you living that abundant life?
- ▶ To that end God wants to **bless us**...I mean really bless us (v.3-4)
- ▶ *...all things that pertain to **life** and **godliness** (v.3) (also see Rom. 8:32)*
- ▶ (Eph. 1:3) This is in line with our **new identity in Christ**
- ▶ Note: we **experience** (through) more of these blessings when we **know God better** (ill. Friendship)



We are Blessed in Every Ways



- ▶ What kind of **blessings** are we receiving?
 1. All things pertain to life (physical) (Matt. 6:25-34)
 2. All things pertain to godliness (spiritual) (see Eph. 3:16-20)
 - ▶ Do you enjoy these blessings? If not, why not?
 3. Precious and very great promises (free gift) (Eph. 2:12-13)
 - ▶ All base on God's character, not base on us
 4. Partakers of the divine nature (Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:9-10)
 - ▶ We now have a new nature created in the likeness of Savior

All These things are Found in Christ (Blessed)

Satisfaction
(John. 10:10)

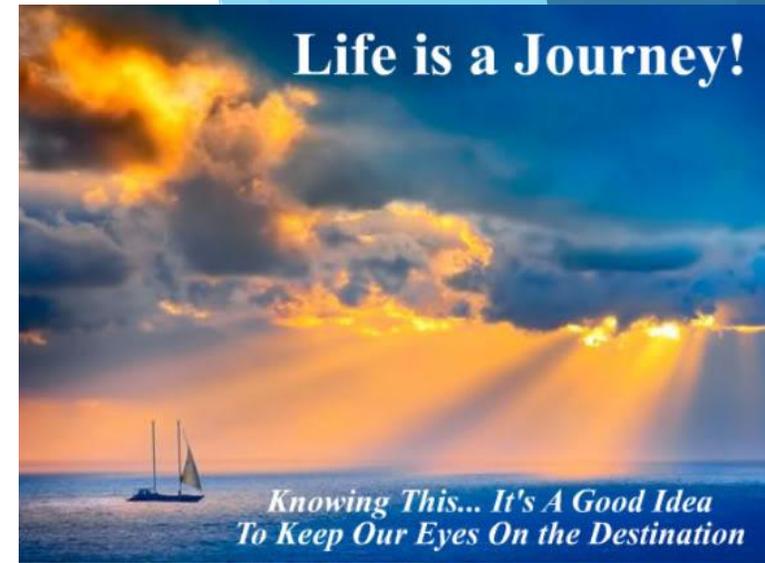
Significance
(Eph. 1:3-14)

Security (Rom. 8:31-39)

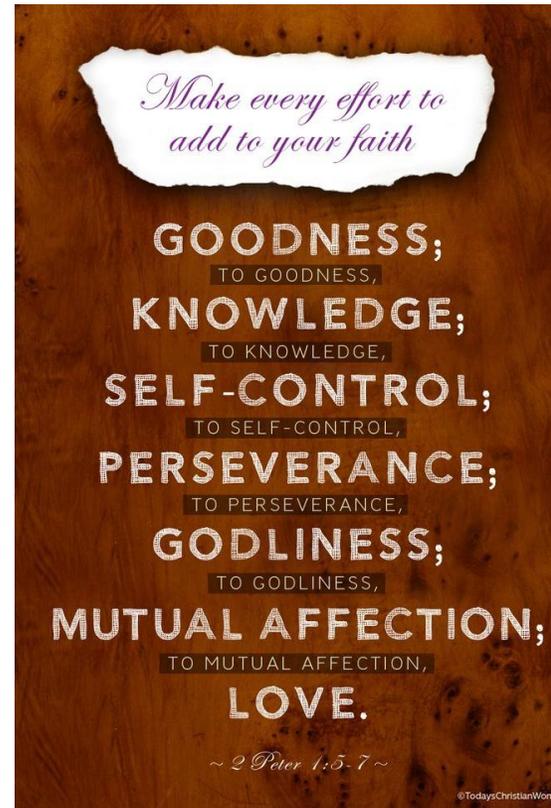
Survival (Matt. 6:25-34)

A Journey to Pursuing Jesus

- ▶ What does this all mean? *We need Jesus*
- ▶ Only in Him there is **life** (John 14:6; John 6:35)
- ▶ More we have Jesus, the more we have life
- ▶ We are on a journey to *pursuit Jesus*—a journey *from Faith to Love*, ending in a deep communion with Jesus
- ▶ This **communion of love** is the true satisfaction
- ▶ Do you want that? (Do you want life?)
- ▶ Let us pursuit Jesus together (v.5-8)



Relationship--a Spiritual Process



- ▶ God wants a **relationship** with you, badly
- ▶ To the point God has done **everything**, even dying on the cross, to initiate this relationship (blessings)
- ▶ The only thing left is for you to **respond**...do you want a deep relationship with God?
- ▶ Let us start this **process** together 😊