



# Reaching the World For Christ

## Assurance Making our Calling and Election Sure: Part 2 2 Peter 1:10

If these qualities are ours and are increasing...

1. **They will keep us from being ineffective** v8a
2. **They will keep us from being unfruitful** v8b
3. **They will keep us from being blind and forgetful** v9
4. **They will keep us from falling** v10
5. **They will provide for us an entrance into the eternal kingdom of Christ** v11

What does he mean by “*supplement your faith*”?

1. **Peter is saying that faith is not the end. It is the beginning.**

1 Thess 3:10 *as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith*

2. **We must make, not just an effort, but every effort.**
3. **We must supplement our faith with some character qualities.**

**Here is the key:** Biblical assurance comes when we make every effort to gain and maintain a full supply of these qualities and lay them alongside the full supply of God's gracious provision that we receive by faith.

The first quality that we are to fully supply is virtue.

### I. What is Virtue?

Virtue can be described then as fulfilling one's purpose.

### II. What is Christian Virtue?

Isa 43:6-7 *I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

Phil 1:21 *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*

Matt 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

We are supposed to be like well-polished mirrors of God's truth to the world.

1 Cor 10:31-32 *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*



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## III. How can Christians be Virtuous?

Luke 10:38-42

So, what does it mean to glorify Him?

### 1. It means that we love Him

Mark 12:30 *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

### 2. It means that we trust Him

Rom 4:20 *No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God*

### 3. It means that we are thankful to Him

Ps 50:23 *The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me*

### 4. It means that we obey Him

Matt 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

### 5. It means that we enjoy Him

Ps 16:11 *in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

## Conclusion:

Phil 3:7-14

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The Sermon in a Sentence: *Make glorifying God the sole pursuit of your life.*