



Our Call and Election

Growing in the Faith 2019
"Make Your Call and Election Sure"
2Peter 1:5-11

Growing In The Faith

- **Luke 17:5** “Increase our faith.”
 - **Vs. 6** The mustard plant has the tiniest herb seed, but grows to the largest of all the herbs.
 - **Vs. 7-9** Faithfulness is a fruit of God’s Spirit [Galatians 5:22], but it is up to each of us to grow it [Matthew 17:14-21].
 - **Vs. 10** DO more than just what is required.
- **James 2:24-26** Living faith is belief in action.
 - Submission to God’s revelation.
- **Hebrews 11:1** “..., *the substance of things hoped for, the evidence unseen.*”
 - Faith is loyalty *without* observable evidence.
 - So what evidence convicts the faithful?

The Only Two Convicting Agents

1. God's Spirit: Confidence in the nature of God.

- **John 16:5-14** Truth is revealed irrespective of experience.
 - Fitting human behavior is spiritually discerned. Human observation and reason are not enough. [Matthew 16:13-20, John 6:63]
- **2Corinthians 5:5-7** God's Spirit assures our faith.

2. God's Word: Confidence that what God says is true.

- **John 17:17** Only God's word is always true.
- **Titus 1:7-9** The Bible is always the final authority.
- **2Timothy 3:16** "God-breathed" revelation is the prevailing source for understanding human behavior.
- **1Timothy 6:20-21** We must guard against false knowledge that causes us to drift from the faith. How?

2Peter 1:10

*“¹⁰Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to **make your call and election sure**, for if you do these things you will never stumble;
¹¹for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

- The Gk. root translated “call” is *kaleo*. It means to invite or to summon.
- The Gk. root translated “election” is *eklegomai*. It means to choose or to pick out.

With Christ - Revelation 17:14

*“These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and **those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.**”*

- The Gk. root translated “call” is the same as “called” in 2Peter 1:10
- The Gk. root translated “chosen” is the same for “election” in 2Peter 1:10
- Those who are called and chosen are to remain faithful [Gk. *pistos*, meaning reliable or loyal].

Called, Chosen, Faithful - Rev 17:14

- What does it mean to be *called, invited*?
 - To be invited by God into His Divine Family. **Mat 22:1-14**
- What does it mean to be *chosen, picked out*?
 - To be elected by God from among the called to prepare for a place within His Divine Family. **Isaiah 66:1,2**
- What does it mean to be *faithful*?
 - To be loyal to the Word & Spirit of God. **Hebrews 11:1,6**
- How does faith grow?
 - What attributes practiced by those who are loyal to God's Word and Spirit, bring about growth in faith?
 - And what does it mean to be full-grown in the faith?

2Peter 1:5-7 The Path to Love

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence,

1. add to your **faith** virtue,
2. to **virtue** knowledge,
3. to **knowledge** self-control,
4. to **self-control** perseverance,
5. to **perseverance** godliness,
6. to **godliness** brotherly kindness,
7. and to **brotherly kindness**
8. **love.**”

Vs. 8 “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Faithfully Meeting Challenges

Walking the path defined by these verses is what empowers the faithful to face every challenge ...,

- School
- Political Correctness
- Media: Hollywood & Madison Avenue
- Persuasive Technology
- Family and/or friends questioning and/or leaving the faith

Vs. 11 “..., for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”