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Series: The Resurrections

The Resurrections (45)

The Judgment of Seat of Christ (20)

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

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[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

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The Doctrine of the Resurrections

[\(1 Corinthians 3:10-17\)](#)

The judgment of the works of the believers (11)

4. [\(1 Corinthians 3:12\) Church— Teachers, False: there is the structure: It can be built out of two possible materials: either permanent or perishable materials.](#)

[1 Corinthians 3:12 \(NASB\)](#)

¹² Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw.

- b. They are *the things* which are to be added to our faith. They are the lasting things that are so desperately needed by the church, and they are the things that the believer is to use in building the church.

The Great Things of the Believer's Life, [2 Peter 1:5-15](#)

[\(2 Peter 1:5-15\) Introduction:](#) this is one of the most important passages in all of Scripture for the believer, a passage that must be studied and heeded time and again. It covers the great things (**qualities and virtues**) which are to be in the life of the believer.

The great importance of these things is seen in **three facts** that are forcefully stressed by Peter.

First, a person is to give *all diligence*, to add “**these things**” to his faith and life. As Scripture says, the believer “**is to work out his own salvation**” ([Philippians 2:12](#)).

Second, the *great power* of “**these things**” stresses their importance. *These things* work within the life of the believer to meet *five desperate needs* of man, *five things* for which the soul of the believer aches and longs.

Glancing at the *five points* of [2 Peter 1:8-11](#) in the outline of the Scripture will again show the great importance of *these things* in the believer's life.

Third, Peter's heavy stress upon the importance of "these things" is phenomenal.

1. Note [2 Peter 1:12](#): Peter says that he is going to always preach *these things* despite the fact that the believer already knows them. But this is not all.
2. Note [2 Peter 1:13](#): Peter says that as long as he is living, he is going to stir up the believers by reminding them of *these things*. But this is not all.
3. Note [2 Peter 1:14-15](#): Peter says that *these things* are so important that he is going to see to it that the believers are reminded of them *even after his death*.

What more could Peter say?

Another way to look at this passage is this: [2 Peter 1:1-4](#) is God's part in salvation.

God's part includes.....

1. faith and righteousness ([2 Peter 1:1](#)).
2. grace and peace ([2 Peter 1:2](#)).
3. life and godliness and all things that pertain to life and godliness ([2 Peter 1:3](#)).
4. the divine nature or new man ([2 Peter 1:4](#)).

Note that *God's part* in salvation involves *seven things*. Now note that *man's part* in salvation involves *seven things* ([2 Peter 1:5-7](#)). The *things* of the believer's life are of critical importance.

1. The charge to add *these things* (v.5-7).
2. The great power of *these things* (v.8-11).
3. The great importance of *these things* (v.12-15).

1. [\(2 Peter 1:5-7\) Believer, Duty of: there is the charge to add these things to one's life.](#)

[2 Peter 1:5-7 \(NASB\)](#)

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying [add] 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.

The word "applying [add]" (*epichorēgēsate*) means in addition to God's great salvation—right along side of what God has done—applying [add] *these things*. And give *all diligence* to adding them. Hasten, jump, act now to add them; don't wait. Be energetic and earnest, strenuously work to add *these things* to your faith and salvation.

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1. Add “moral excellence [virtue]” (*aretēn*): moral excellence and goodness of character; moral strength and moral courage. It means manliness; being an excellent person in life, a real man or a real woman in life; living life just like one should, in the most excellent way. It means always choosing the excellent way.

2. Add “knowledge” (*gnōsin*): practical intelligence, practical knowledge, practical insight. It means knowing what to do in every situation and doing it; it is practical, day to day knowledge that sees situations and knows how to handle them. It is seeing the trials and temptations of life and knowing what to do with them and doing it. **Remember the charge: we must add knowledge to our faith.** We must give diligent attention to the situations of life and figure out how to conquer them. ([John 8:31](#))

3. Add “self-control [temperance]” (*egkrateia*): to master and control the body or the flesh with all of its lusts. It means self-control, the master of desire, appetite and passion, especially sensual urges and cravings. It means to be strong and controlled and restrained. It means to stand against the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye and the pride of life ([1 John 2:15-16](#)).

4. Add “perseverance [patience]” (*hupomonēn*): endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, constancy, perseverance. The word is not passive; it is active. It is not the spirit that just sits back and puts up with the trials of life, taking whatever may come. Rather it is the spirit that stands up and faces life’s trials, that actively goes about conquering and overcoming them. When trials confront a man who is truly justified, he is stirred to arise and face the trials head on. He immediately sets out to conquer and overcome them. He knows that God is allowing the trials in order to teach him more and more patience (endurance). ([Luke 21:19](#))

5. Add “godliness” (*eusebeian*): ([2 Peter 1:3](#))

6. Add “brotherly kindness” (*philadelphian*): the very special love that exists between brothers and sisters within a loving family, brothers and sisters who truly cherish one another.

It is the kind of love.....

- 1) that binds each other together as a family, as a brotherly clan.
- 2) that binds each other in an unbreakable union.
- 3) that holds each other ever so dearly within the heart.
- 4) that knows deep affection for each other.
- 5) that nourishes and nurtures each other.
- 6) that shows concern and looks after the welfare of each other.
- 7) that joins hands with each other in a common purpose *under one father*.
(Leon Morris. *The Epistles of Paul to the Thessalonians*. "Tyndale New Testament Commentary," ed. by RVG Tasker. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1956, p.80).

7. Add “love [charity]” (*agapēn*): the love of the mind, of the reason, of the will.

It is the *agapē* love of God, the love that goes so far.....

- 1) that it loves regardless of feelings—whether a person feels like loving or not.
- 2) that it loves a person even if the person does not deserve to be loved.
- 3) that it actually loves the person who is utterly unworthy of being loved.