

Confirm Your Calling; 2 Peter 1:10-11

- I. Confirm
 - a. To make sure, to validate
 - b. How many times do we double check things?
 - i. I check my back door to ensure it is locked at least several times before I go to bed
 - ii. We balance our accounts to validate the amount in our check register
 - iii. These are easy
 - c. How often do we check, confirm, validate our calling?
- II. All things
 - a. 2 Peter 1:3–4 (ESV) ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.
 - b. God has given us everything we need for the life here on this earth in our mortal bodies and for the life in heaven in our immortal bodies
 - c. These He has given through the knowledge of Jesus
 - i. 2 Peter 3:17–18 (ESV) ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
 - ii. If we do not apply ourselves to the knowledge of Jesus, there is a definite probability that we will be carried away
 - iii. 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
 - iv. God desires that we know and understand the words (and Word) He gave us
 - v. The very words written down for us by the Holy Spirit enable us to be partakers of the divine nature (sons of God)
 - vi. These Scriptures point us to Jesus and show us His love for us
 - vii. It is this sacrifice that made the Israelites say, “what must we do?”, the eunuch ask, “see, here is water, what prevents me from being baptized?”, and the Philippian jailer ask, “what must I do to be saved?”
 - viii. It is the knowledge of Jesus that makes us change from the ‘old self’ to ‘newness of life’
 - ix. We become what God created us to be
 - d. We have escaped a life of sin (corruption) through Jesus’ blood
- III. Supplement
 - a. 2 Peter 1:5–9 (ESV) ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness

with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

- b. Supplement – To provide, supply, or furnish at your own expense
- c. The next few verses are a list of qualities that we must have and cultivate
 - i. Virtue – uncommon character worthy of praise
 - ii. Knowledge – comprehension or intellectual grasp (of Jesus)
 - iii. Self-control – restraint of our emotions, impulses, or desires
 - iv. Steadfastness – the capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty
 - v. Godliness – awesome respect accorded to God, reverence, loyalty
 - vi. Brotherly affection – sense of affection for fellow Christians
 - vii. Love – sacrificial love, giving up our wants and desires for the needs of others
- d. If we have and continue to develop these qualities, we become effective and fruitful
- e. Look at these qualities carefully; they are the opposite of what society values
 - i. Vice (or iniquity)
 - ii. Knowledge (of things that bring wealth)
 - iii. Unrestrained
 - iv. Yielding
 - v. Irreverence
 - vi. Hate people who disagree with you
 - vii. Love of self
 - viii. Societies qualities mean we have forgotten who we belong to (God)
- f. We are responsible to build the qualities, the characteristics that God wants in those who belong to Him

IV. Confirm Your Calling

- a. 2 Peter 1:10–11 (ESV) ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- b. To make sure, to validate your special privilege and responsibility
 - i. We confirm our calling by practicing these qualities
 - ii. Peter tells us in verse 5, ‘make every effort’; have an earnest commitment, an eagerness to develop and live out (practice) these qualities
- c. Living this life (the one that God desires us to live) ensures an entrance into the Kingdom
 - i. This does not mean we are constantly in danger of becoming lost
 - ii. It does mean we continually reevaluate our lives to ensure we are living a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called
 - iii. Living worthy involves developing, increasing, and practicing these qualities