

彼得後書

3. Calling and Election

Sept.23, 2018

Discussion

- What's your favorite sport to play?

Recap

- Rome's supposed multi-racial society
 - Hellenistic Age (300BCE – 300CE)
- The Romans and Greeks practiced polytheism
 - Looked down on those practice monotheistic
- Citizens were allowed to worship whatever gods they wished
- Not threatening Roman ruling
- Respected the Roman religion
 - Making sacrifices to the Roman gods
 - Worshipping Roman emperors as gods
- 2 Peter 1:1-2 – Discipleship 001

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- Who you are...
 - Share same faith as Simon Peter
 - Share same calling (slave/apostle)

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- Who Jesus is...
 - God and Savior

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- Essence of faith...
 - Granted – a gift from God
 - Justice/fairness - unbiased

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- What you need....
 - Growing in knowledge
 - Knowing who God is ... Discipleship 002

Seeds of Faith – What next??

- 我的志願...

2 Peter 1:3-11 Discipleship 002

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- Given everything needed that leads to life and piety
- We are called/selected
 - Film casting
 - Cherry-Pick

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- Promises
 - OT promises: New era of salvation/blessing through Messiah
 - In context of 2 Peter: Renewal of heaven and earth
- Divine nature – goodness of God
 - In order to resist sin

Spiritual Growth 1:5-9

- For **this very reason**, make **every effort** to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. (1:5-7 NIV)
- 正**因這緣故**，你們要**多多努力**：有了信心，又要增添美德；有了美德，又要增添知識；有了知識，又要增添節制；有了節制，又要增添忍耐；有了忍耐，又要增添敬虔；有了敬虔，又要增添弟兄的愛；有了弟兄的愛，還要增添神聖的愛。(1:5-7 CNV)
- For this very reason
 - God's provision – we are to seek spiritual maturity
 - No excuses...
- Make every effort
 - Haste, zeal

Spiritual Growth 1:5-9

- Faith 信心 – response to God’s call
- Goodness 美德 – broadly virtue
- Knowledge 知識 – ability to discern God’s will, moral insight
- Self-control 節制 – restraints of one’s drive, avoid falling to temptations
- Perseverance 忍耐 – remain in faith in times of trial
- Godliness 敬虔 – please God in every phase of life
- Mutual affection 弟兄的愛 – love of the brother
- Love 神聖的愛 – caring, even sacrificial