

# Growing in Our Salvation and Recognizing Truth

Do you ever feel like God asks the impossible of us? The apostle Peter reminds us that we need to rely on God's divine power to live godly lives. The Holy Spirit nurtures virtues like goodness, self-control, and perseverance in us, empowering us to grow in our salvation. This, and the authority of Scripture, equips us to recognize truth, resist cultural pressures, and persevere in our faith, distinct as followers of Jesus Christ.

**AWARENESS** Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Are you comfortable asking for help, or do you tend to rely only on yourself?
- Do you feel like there's a lot of pressure on you in your walk with Jesus? Why or why not? If so, do you think you put pressure on yourself, does it come from others?



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**READ** [2 Peter 1](#)

**REFLECTION** After listening, consider the following questions:

- Do you think it is easy or hard for us to remember that God's "divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" ([2 Peter 1:3](#))? Why?
- Reread the list of virtues in [2 Peter 1:5-8](#). Do any of them come naturally or more easily to you? Which ones are more challenging, and why?
- At the end of segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney remind us that it is God who gives us the ability to grow in these virtues, and this spiritual growth is not meant to be a legalistic checklist to accomplish; it is rather a desire to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in our lives. Should this mindset matter to us, why or why not?
- In segment 3, Scott says, "Jesus is fully divine and fully human. Scripture is too. Scripture is fully divine, and yet, fully human in the sense that God used human authors to get it written down...they weren't taking dictation. But the Holy Spirit inspired everything they said...every thought, every teaching, every doctrine, comes from God alone; and so, Peter says you will do well to pay attention to it, because it is the Word of God, not the word of people." Why do you think these distinctions matter? How does it help affirm the truth of Scripture?

**RELATED PASSAGES** for further study

[Colossians 3:1-17](#), [Galatians 5:13-26](#), [1 Corinthians 13](#), [Ephesians 1:3-14](#), [Matthew 17:1-9](#), [Mark 9:2-8](#), [Luke 9:28-36](#)

## CONCLUSION

Scott and Darrell Delaney summarized 2 Peter 1 with these main ideas:

1. Faith in Jesus is a great gift, but it's a starting point, not the finish line.
2. When we live how Christ says to live, we are a testimony to this world; and that as a byproduct, will make our calling and election sure.
3. The clarion Word of God, which the Holy Spirit inspired, needs to be the loudest voice in your head.

Close your time of reflection with prayer, telling God how you feel encouraged or challenged and asking him for his divine power to help you trust his Word and grow in your salvation.

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