



SEVEN SPICES
Part 2 : Knowledge
Sunday October 03, 2010

Review : 2 Peter 1:5-11

Peter lists 7 things to add to our faith
Virtue (strong character)
Knowledge (spiritual understanding, renewed mind)
Discipline (Self-Control, temperance)
Perseverance (Endurance, patience)
Godliness (Purity, reverence)
Brotherly Kindness (fellowship, warm friendliness)
Love

If we do add these to our faith, that is develop these in our lives along with our faith -
- you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (vs 8)
- for if you do these things you will never stumble (vs 10)

If you lack these, then you are
- shortsighted, even to blindness, - cannot see clearly or at best only see the immediate, but cannot see the long term (vs 9)
- forget that you were cleansed from your old sins and tend to go back (vs 9)

Today: Add to your faith ... KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge = spiritual understanding
The implication here is spiritual knowledge.

Peter uses the word "knowledge" several times in his epistle
2 Peter 1:2,3,5,6,8 ; 2:20; 3:18
In all cases he is talking about the knowledge "of our Lord Jesus Christ"

The importance of spiritual knowledge

Hosea 4:6 Isaiah 5:13
What you don't know – especially in the spiritual realm – hurts you more that you can imagine.
Ignorance is not bliss!

Acts 20:32 Knowledge of God's Word leads you into your spiritual inheritance.

Daniel 11:32b, Proverbs 24:5 knowledge brings spiritual strength

The Renewing of the mind

Intellectual knowledge causes increase in facts resulting in the acquiring of information.

Spiritual knowledge causes the renewing of the mind resulting in transformation of life.

Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:22-24



The goal of increasing in spiritual knowledge is the renewing of the mind for life transformation.

How to increase in spiritual knowledge and understanding:

Have an appetite for the word of God.

Proverbs 2:1-5

John 8:31 we must continue in the Word.

1, Read the Bible in a disciplined way.

When you read, meditate in the word. Meditation involves 3 things: contemplation, visualization, confession.

2, Listen to teaching from the Word (be careful who you listen to though)

3, Listen to the revelation of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit gives us revelation 1 Corinthians 2:9-12

Ephesians 1:17,18

Psalm 119:18 When you read the Word, pray that your eyes will be opened to see.

Spiritual knowledge is received by revelation first

Spiritual knowledge is what you know in your heart before you understand with your mind.

2 Corinthians 3:14-16

Minds are blinded. When the heart turns to the Lord because of revelation, then the veil is taken away – the mind understands. In God's working heart-revelation precedes mind-understanding. The mistake we make is we want to understand before we believe. But God calls us to believe and then the understanding will come.

Matthew 16:13-17

Peter spoke out of the revelation he received in his heart, without necessarily understanding it his mind.

Pray in tongues

1 Corinthians 14:2

When we pray in tongues we speak mysteries – the things that God desires for us to receive revelation of.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST

We like to end our services by giving an invitation to any one here who has never experienced the power of Jesus Christ in their lives to do so. The Lord Jesus Christ, who is God – came into this world about 2000 years ago, as a Man. He was crucified on a cross where He took upon Him the sins of the whole world and paid for them. He died and rose up again, and ascended back into heaven. He is alive today. If you will believe in Him you will be saved.

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