

A TRIUMPHANT ENTRANCE INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD
II PETER 1:8-11

Introduction:

- A. The things that must be "in you" to have an abundant entrance.
 - 1. "obtained like precious faith." v1
 - 2. "his divine power hath given us all things." v3
 - 3. "partakers of the divine nature." v4
 - 4. To these add:
 - a. faith = firm conviction.
 - b. virtue = excellence of any kind.
 - c. knowledge = insight, understanding a matter.
 - d. temperance = self-control, over flesh.
 - e. patience = a remaining under a heavy load.
 - f. godliness = a vital relationship with God.
 - g. brotherly kindness = love of brethren.
 - h. charity = self-denying love. I Cor. 13:
 - i. diligence = haste, zeal, add these, now!

I. THE POWER OF POSSESSING "THESE THINGS."

- A. "for, when these qualities are yours in increasing number."
 - 1. We never "attain."
 - 2. We must never stop acquiring.
- B. You will not be "barren."
 - 1. barren = "not working the field" lying idle.
 - 2. A field lying fallow.
- C. You will not be "unfruitful."
 - 1. unfruitful = yielding no fruit.
- D. Knowledge = epignosis = full-knowledge.

II. WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DO NOT GROW IN KNOWLEDGE?

- A. "but he that lacketh these things"
 - 1. Saved people can go backward!
 - 2. If you don't progress, you regress.
 - 3. We have a tendency to dry-up, not grow-up!

- B. "is blind, being short-sighted."
 - 1. blind = smoky, misty, darkened.
 - 2. short-sighted = a kind of blindness, to contract the eyelids, to squint, for all practical purposes, he is blind because he cannot see afar off.

- C. "and has chosen to forget that he has been purified from his sins of the past."
 - 1. forget = a compound word, to take oblivion.
 - a. latha = oblivion.
 - b. lambano = to take,
 - 2. "he has forgotten, willfully, the cleansing of his sins in the past."
 - 3. I'm not concerned with what you were, but concerned with what you are.

III. TO POSSESS THESE CHARACTERISTICS RATIFIES PAST ACTION

- A. "therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to put God's call and selection of you beyond all doubt."
 - 1. What enhances our profession of faith more than anything?
 - 2. We prove our calling, we prove our abilities.
 - 3. Prove we can sing, by singing.
 - 4. Prove our call to preach, by preaching.

- B. "for, so long as you practice these things you will never fall."
 - 1. The man who doesn't see, is blind and stumbles.
 - 2. The man who sees doesn't fall, or stumble.

IV. THE GLORIOUS ENTRANCE INTO THE KINGDOM.

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- A. "for thus you will be given a triumphant entrance into the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."
 - 1. entrance = the way into anyplace.
 - 2. abundant = richly.

- B. The Kingdom.
 - 1. The Kingdom was.
 - a. Jesus said, "The Kingdom is in your midst."
 - b. The Kingdom is where the King is!

 - 2. The Kingdom is.
 - a. "my kingdom is not of this world system"
 - b. The eye hath not seen.

 - 3. The Kingdom will be.
 - a. The Model Prayer.
 - b. Thy will be done, Thy Kingdom Come.

- C. The "rich" glorious entrance.
 - 1. The welcome of hostages from Iran.
 - 2. The abundant entrance.
 - 3. The other side of the issue.

