

# 2 Peter

Fruitful Growth in the Faith (2 Peter 1:5-11)

## Read: Fruitful Growth in the Faith (1:5-11)

**5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**

**10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

## Explain: Fruitful Growth in the Faith (1:5-11)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

### What are the most repeated words in 2 Peter?

Their/them/themselves/they (42), you/your (28), he/his/him (22), our/us/we (21), \_\_\_\_\_ (21), Lord (15), I/my (11), day (9), Jesus (9), \_\_\_\_\_/knowing/known/knows (9), Christ (8), God (7), knowledge (7), righteous/righteousness (7), beloved (6), destruction/destructive (6), holy (6), own (6)

### What are the most repeated words in this text?

You/your/yours(7), he/his(3), knowledge(3), these(3), things(3), will(3), brotherly kindness(2), Christ(2), diligence/diligent(2), godliness(2), Jesus(2), Lord(2), our(2), perseverance(2), self-control(2), virtue(2)

## What do the words mean?

**5 But also for this very reason, giving** [aorist active participle; to bear in alongside, i.e., introduce simultaneously: give] **all diligence** ["speed," i.e., (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness: business, (earnest) care(-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste], **add** [aorist active \_\_\_\_\_; to furnish besides, i.e., \_\_\_\_\_ supply, (figuratively) aid or contribute: add, minister (nourishment, unto)] **to your faith** [*pistis*; persuasion, i.e., credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity] **virtue** [properly, manliness (valor), i.e., excellence (intrinsic or attributed): praise, virtue], **to virtue knowledge** [*gnosis*; knowing (the act), i.e., (by implication) knowledge: knowledge, science], **6 to knowledge self-control** [self-control (especially continence): temperance], **to self-control perseverance** [\_\_\_\_\_ (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting)], **to perseverance godliness** [piety; specially, the gospel scheme: godliness, \_\_\_\_\_], **7 to godliness brotherly kindness** [*philadelphia*; fraternal affection: brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren], **and to brotherly kindness love** [*agape*; love, i.e., affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: (feast of) charity(-ably), dear, love]. **8 For if these things are** [present active participle (\_\_\_\_\_ are); begin under (quietly), i.e., come into existence (be present or at hand); expletively, to exist (as copula or subordinate to an adjective, participle, adverb or preposition, or as an auxiliary to a principal (verb): after, behave, live] **yours and abound** [present active participle (\_\_\_\_\_ abound); to do, make or be more, i.e., increase (transitively or intransitively); by extension, to superabound: abound, abundant, make to increase, have over], **you will be** [present active indicative; to place down (permanently), i.e., (figuratively) to designate, constitute, convoy: appoint, be, conduct, make, ordain, set] **neither barren** [inactive, i.e., unemployed; (by implication) lazy, useless: barren, idle, slow] **nor unfruitful** [barren (literally or figuratively): without fruit, unfruitful] **in the knowledge** [*epignosis*; recognition, i.e., (by implication) full discernment, acknowledgement: (ac-)knowledge(-ing, -ment)] **of our Lord** [*kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e., (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title): God, Lord, master, Sir] **Jesus** ["Jehovah is salvation"] **Christ** ["anointed"]. **9 For he who lacks** [a primary particle of qualified negation; (adverb) not, (conjunction) lest; also (as an interrogative implying a negative answer) whether: any but (that), God forbid, lack, lest, neither, never, no, none, nor, (can-)not, nothing, that not, un(-taken), without] **these things is shortsighted** [*myopazo*; present active participle (\_\_\_\_\_ shortsighted); to shut the

eyes, i.e., blink (see indistinctly): cannot see far off], **even to** [present indicative] **blindness** [opaque (as if smoky), i.e., (by analogy) blind (physically or mentally): blind], **and has forgotten** [forgetfulness: forget] **that he was cleansed** [a washing off, i.e., (ceremonially) ablution, (morally) expiation: cleansing, purge, purification(-fying)] **from his old** [(adverbially) formerly, or (by relatively) sometime since; (elliptically as adjective) ancient: any while, a great while ago, (of) old, in time past] **sins** [a sin (properly abstract): offence, sin(-ful)].

**10 Therefore**, [not translated in the NKJV; (adverbially) more (in a greater degree) or rather: better, (the) more (and more), (so) much (the more), rather] **brethren** [*adelphos*; a brother (literally or figuratively) near or remote: brother], **be even more diligent** [aorist active \_\_\_\_\_; to use speed, i.e., to make effort, be prompt or earnest: do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavor, labor, study] **to make** [present middle infinitive; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct): abide, agree, appoint, band together, be, bear, betray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, content, continue, deal, without any delay, (would) do(-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, keep, lay wait, lighten the ship, make, none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, have purged, purpose, put, raising up, shew, spend, take, tarry, transgress the law, work, yield] **your call** [an invitation (figuratively): calling] **and election** [(divine) selection (abstractly or concretely): chosen, election] **sure** [\_\_\_\_\_ (literally or figuratively): firm, of force, steadfast, sure], **for if you do** [present active participle (\_\_\_\_\_ do)] **these things you will never** [a double negative strengthening the denial; not at all: any more, at all, by any (no) means, neither, never, no (at all), in no case (wise), nor ever, not (at all, in any wise)] [not translated in the NKJV: indefinite adverb, at some time, ever: afore-(any, some-)time(-s), at length (the last), (n-)ever, in the old time, in time past, once, when] **stumble** [to trip, i.e., (figuratively) to err, sin, fail (of salvation): fall, offend, stumble]; **11 for so an entrance** [an entrance (literally or figuratively): coming, enter(-ing) in (to)] **will be supplied** [future \_\_\_\_\_ indicative; to furnish besides, i.e., fully supply, (figuratively) aid or contribute: add, minister (nourishment, unto); used in **1:\_, \_**] **to you abundantly** [copiously: abundantly, richly] **into the everlasting** [perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well): eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began)] **kingdom** [*basileia*; properly, royalty, i.e., (abstractly) rule, or (concretely) a realm (literally or figuratively): kingdom, reign] **of our Lord and Savior** [*soter*; a deliverer, i.e., God or Christ: savior] **Jesus Christ**.

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. The gospel does not give Christians a \_\_\_\_\_
2. Christians have a \_\_\_\_\_ in our sanctification
3. The gospel results in \_\_\_\_\_ lives

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior
2. \_\_\_\_\_ our sanctification
3. \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation

## Next week: Peter's Approaching Death (1:12-15)

**12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, 14 knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.**

## Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**2 Peter 1:12-15**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member