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## For Spiritual Growth

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

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

### This We Believe:

The best \_\_\_\_\_ life to be lived is that of a follower of Christ that is abiding \_\_\_\_\_ and growing \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Every \_\_\_\_\_ Believer has a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ being that lives in them: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 1:3-4)**

- “Christ in us” is the starting \_\_\_\_\_ point and the finish \_\_\_\_\_ line of the Christian life.

- “Our starting point is Jesus' **perfection for us** at Calvary and Jesus' **perfection in us** right now. If we start with the perfect presence of Jesus, the structures for discipleship will be as clean and simple as a vineyard.”
- When we have Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ we have everything we need to live the Christian life – every day \_\_\_\_\_ in every circumstance \_\_\_\_\_ . (Colossians 3:11)

**As we allow Jesus to live His \_\_\_\_\_ life through us \_\_\_\_\_, we are transformed \_\_\_\_\_ into being like Him.**

- Giving all diligence, add to your faith...
  - Virtue \_\_\_\_\_ - moral excellence.
  - Knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ - spiritual understanding.
  - Self-control \_\_\_\_\_ – alert discipline.
  - Perseverance \_\_\_\_\_ – patient endurance.
  - Godliness \_\_\_\_\_ – reverent wonder, devotion to God.
  - Brotherly kindness \_\_\_\_\_ - warm friendliness, concern for others.
  - Love \_\_\_\_\_ - The *ultimate* expression of God!

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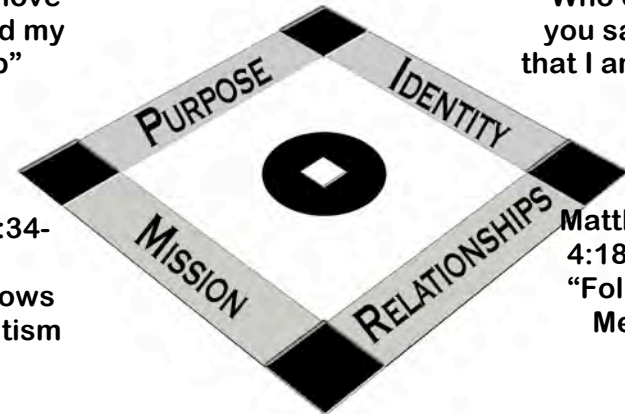
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