

Add To Your Faith_Knowledge

Introduction:

- A. In the previous lesson, we looked at moral excellence in our lives. Along with moral excellence, Peter tells us to add knowledge. This knowledge is not the kind we get in school, but rather that which comes from God's word.
- B. Therefore, we need to develop a deeper knowledge of God's word.

I. We All Need To Have Knowledge Of God And His Word.

- A. God's word is the truth - 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jn 17:17; 8:31-32; Pro. 23:23
- B. God wants us to have that knowledge of the truth - 1 Tim. 2:3-4
- C. It is the knowledge of the truth that changes lives today.
 - 1. It changes lives because it contains eternal life - Rom. 1:16; 1 Jn 5:13; Jn 17:3
 - 2. We have the example of Paul and how knowledge of Christ changed his life.
 - a. He went from persecuting Christians to be the author of many books in the New Testament.
 - b. Knowledge of Christ should change our lives as well.

II. We Get That Knowledge By Studying The Word Of God.

- A. There is a command from God to grow as a Christian - 2 Pet 3:18; Heb. 5:12-14; Col 1:9-10
- B. If we are wise, we will seek knowledge from God - Pro. 10:14; 15:14; 23:12
 - 1. This knowledge comes only from studying the word of God.
- C. We grow for several different reasons - 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 3:15
 - 1. We grow to be able to teach others - Heb. 5:12-14; Mk. 16:15
 - 2. We grow to put on the new man - Col. 3:10

III. If We Have That Knowledge And Do Not Act Upon It, We Are Worse Off Than If We Had Never Known Of God.

- A. It is one thing to know what to do, it is another thing to do it.
 - 1. Many know what to do, but do not always do it.
 - 2. Example of speech teachers in college.
 - a. They knew how to be a good speaker, but they were not.
 - b. It is much more serious when it comes to our lives - Jas. 4:17
- B. If we know what to do when it comes to our salvation, and do not do it, the end of us is worse than the beginning - Heb. 10:26-27; 2 Pet 2:20-21
- C. If we do not apply the knowledge that we have, it is useless to us.

Conclusion:

- A. God's word is truth.
- B. We need to study and obey His word.
- C. If we do not, then our end is worse than our beginning.