

victim to the dangerous thinking patterns that mark our world.

According to sociologist Wade Clark Roof, in a poll of people who say they've trusted in Jesus, an amazing 25 percent or more believe in the non-biblical concepts of communication with the dead, reincarnation, and astrology. Really? They have not followed Peter's call to add virtue and knowledge to their faith (2 Peter 1:5). They did not go beyond belief.

Faith in Christ is the starting point, but keep going. Study the Bible and "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (3:18). —JDB

*Dear Jesus, take my heart and hand,  
And grant me this, I pray:  
That I through Your sweet love may grow  
More like You day by day. —Garrison*

**A steady diet of God's Word will keep you growing.**



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**Keep Going**

**Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge. —2 Peter 1:5**

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you started out with faith in Him. After you recognised your sinfulness and need for a Saviour, you asked God to forgive your sins. When you trusted in Christ, you received the gift of eternal life. By grace you're a child of God and you are promised an eternal home in heaven with Him.

But don't stop there! No one who has put his or her faith in Christ can afford to let spiritual growth and maturity start and stop with one act of spiritual surrender.

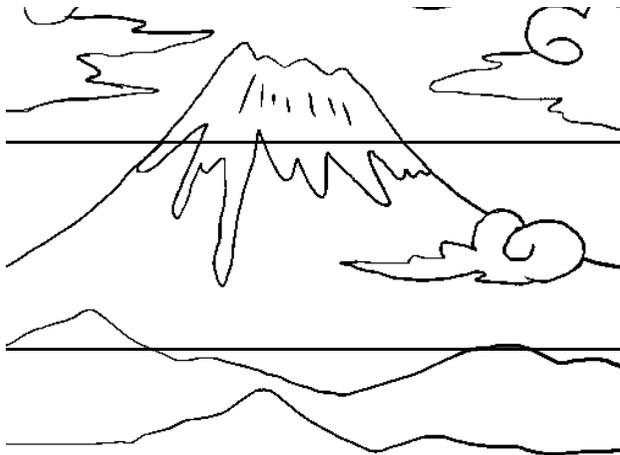
Salvation must be followed by spiritual growth. We must go beyond belief and seek out the truths God provides in the Bible. If we don't, we'll fall





# 2 Peter: Overcoming Error The Way of Fruitfulness II.

## The Way of Fruitfulness



**The Summit of:**

- ◆ Godliness
- ◆ Brotherly kindness
- ◆ Love

**The Hard climb of:**

- ◆ Self control
- ◆ Perseverance

**The Foot-Hills of:**

- ◆ Faith
- ◆ Virtue
- ◆ Knowledge

In 1 Peter 1:5, Peter describes for us 2 foundational necessities to bear fruit:

**1. Desire for \_\_\_\_\_, OR, a love for \_\_\_\_\_,** verses 3, 5, 9, 1 Peter 2:9

**(Philippians 4:8)** "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy; meditate on these things."

**(1 Peter 2:9)** "But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" [paraphrase]

**(1 John 3:2)** ".. we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

**(Philippians 3:10)** "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"

**(Psalms 45:7)** "You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

**(Hebrews 1:8-9)** "But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. {9} You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your

companions.""

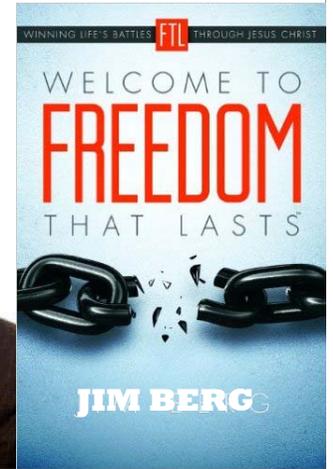
**(Matthew 5:6)** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled."

**(Galatians 5:17)** "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."

**(Philippians 2:13)** "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

**(Psalms 36:1-2)** ".. An oracle is within my heart concerning the sinfulness of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. {2} For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin." [paraphrase]

**(Luke 11:13)** ""If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!""



**2. Knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, OR, knowing what \_\_\_\_\_ is,** verse 5

**(Matthew 26:41)** ""Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.""

**(Hebrews 1:1-2)** "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, {2} has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;"

**(John 1:18)** "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

