

<sup>1</sup> Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> May grace and peace be multiplied to you in (or through) the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup> For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Equal standing: ἰσότητος isotimos not a legal term

1. equally precious
2. equally honored, to be esteemed equal to

**1) Greeting/equipping section**

**1-3a, 4a** Recipients of God loving us well

Simon Peter Mat 26:33-34 ... even though all of the others ... John 21: 15-17

**G R A C E** God's Riches At Christ's Expense - God giving us what we don't deserve 120+ NT compared to ~6 OT; Eph 2:8

Eph 1:3 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. Our God is not holding back anything that is really for us – it's not in His nature Rom 8:32

**2) God's call on our lives**

**3b, 4b** God is calling us to become people who love others well

We are called ... to become partakers of the divine nature - as His children we are called to be like Him (Jesus)

2Cor 5:17 – we are called to be transformed

God is Love 1Jo 4:8 (1Jo 4:16) John 13:1; John 13:34; 1Cor 13 corruption – kills our ability to love well

Love is ... / Love does not ...

**3) Answering/responding to God's call**

**5-7** The path to becoming people who love others well


make every effort to supplement your **faith** Heb 11:1

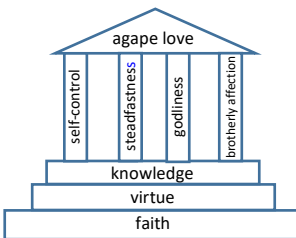
Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning

*Paraphrasing Timothy Keeler's summary statement from "Why studying doctrine is the best medicine ":*

In short, many voices in popular media are telling us we get peace by not thinking too hard (Be happy); But Peter tells us that you get peace by thinking very hard - by learning, by grasping, and then rejoicing and resting in the truths in the Word of God.

faith ..... with **virtue**, and virtue ..... with **knowledge**, 6 and knowledge ..... with **self-control**, and self-control ..... with **steadfastness**, and steadfastness ..... with **godliness**, 7 and godliness ..... with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love**

- a desire to do the right thing, to follow God John 15:5
- what does God say or think or want? Col 3:16
- master of your passions and desires (Cain, King Saul) 
- patient enduring, sustaining, persevering Jam 1:2-4 Test>Testimony>Testify
- reverence, respect (Living for an audience of One) Luk 16:13
- phileo - to cherish each other as brothers and sisters in Christ
- agape - to love - to be willing to sacrifice for another 1Cor 13:1-7
- A 1Cor 13 test: Agape Love is- use your name is ...



**4) God's promises and warnings about the future 8-11**

1Cor 3:14 Rewards for following the path to love others well

Rev 3:17 Warnings about not following the path

A good question to ask yourself when listening to social media or any other advisor is:

Where does their advice come from? It is also a good question for "Christian" movies or "Christian" speakers or "Christian" Radio,

3 ways to not make every effort: 1) through intake/crowding God out 2) through stopping 3) through skipping steps  
And any short coming, command, warning or promise is an opportunity for prayer