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THE MARTYR

Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week One

This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue,
and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control,
and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,
and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

- 2 Peter 1:5-7

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:5-8; Philippians 2:1-18

Devotional Reading

The life of a Christian on earth is an already-but-not-yet experience. We receive salvation and read that the Holy Spirit is a “deposit guaranteeing our inheritance” of salvation when we pass away. So what about the meantime?

2 Peter 1:5-8 instructs all believers for the experience after salvation and before death. Sanctification is the process of becoming more and more like Christ through practices like prayer and spiritual disciplines with the aid of the Holy Spirit. We read here that these actions aid in our effectiveness and fruitfulness “in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

It can be easy to see this list of words – virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love – and to skim quickly by. But when we take the time to inspect each attribute, evaluate our lives, and ponder how to “make every effort to supplement our faith” with them, then we are participating in the process of becoming more and more like Christ. We are practicing sanctification unto the Lord.

Faith In Action

Write out each of the attributes listed, along with a brief self-evaluation of how you’re exercising them. Spend some time thinking through how you can make more of an effort to practice each in your day to day life.

Today’s Prayer

Holy Spirit, we ask for your leading in making us more and more like Jesus. Teach us to walk in the ways of our salvation. Thank you for grace when we stumble and for the empowerment to live as holy sons and daughters until the day of salvation.