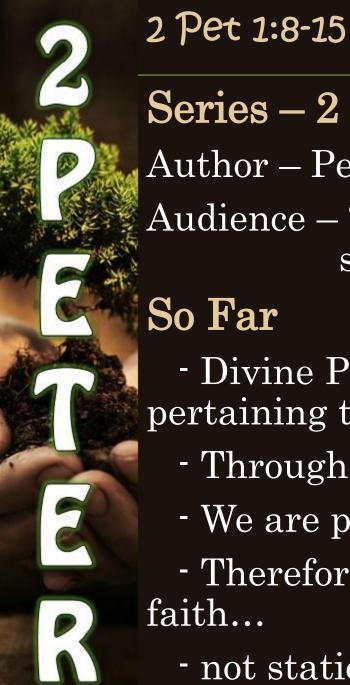
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2 PETER PAY CLOSE ATTENTION

GRACE & KNOWLEDGE OF LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST



2 Peter 3:18





Series – 2 Peter

Author – Peter

Audience – 'brothers & sisters of equal standing'

So Far

- Divine Power provided for all things pertaining to life & godliness
 - Through the knowledge of Him
 - We are partakers of His Divine Nature
- Therefore make every effort to add to faith...
 - not static but growing and increasing

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





12 Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

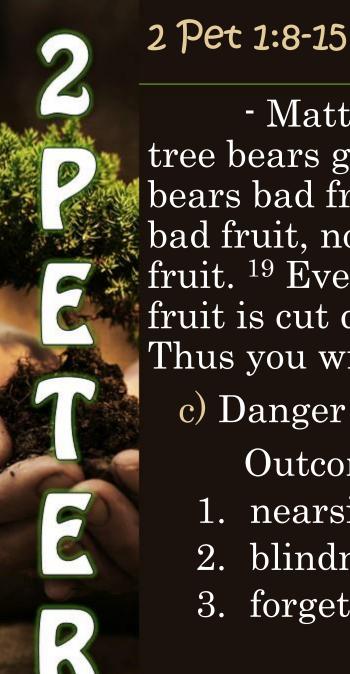


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1. Don't Be Distracted

- easy to drift & become distracted
- a) possible to have barren & fruitless knowledge of Christ
 - you can have information with no effect on action
 - not a course you pass, badge you earn
 - b) keep you from being...
 - ineffective
 - unfruitful



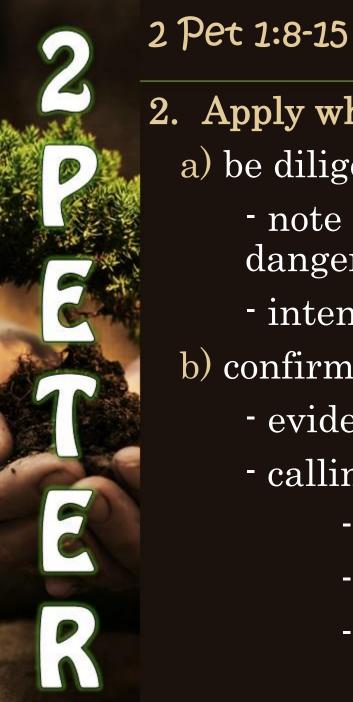


- Matthew 7:17-20 "17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits."

c) Danger that Lurks

Outcomes of drift devastating

- 1. nearsightedness
- 2. blindness
- 3. forgetfulness





2. Apply what you know & are learning

- a) be diligent to...
 - note the therefore here, due to the danger pay attention
 - intentional and aware of, consistent
- b) confirm your
 - evidence that this is reality
 - calling
 - adopted son's & daughters
 - forgiven, free from, sealed by
 - ambassadors, salt and light



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- known by our love
- participating

Eph. 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

- election
 - God has revealed to you
 - You have responded
 - Granted a divine nature
 - chosen, adopted & given and inheritance



c) so you don't fall

2 Pet 1:8-15

- Peter knows about failure not fun
- giving important instruction, you won't drift, fall away, lose sight of, if you are intentional about practicing these in increasing measure
 - eternity is in focus
 - clear saved by grace through faith
 - not earning your way to salvation
 - living up to who you already are, living evidence of your reality



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3. Reminders Matter

- reminder is not an accusation
- not a 'shape up' but awareness of importance, driving lessons home
 - a) addressing the faithful
 - you know them these lessons
 - established in the truth track record
 - desire 'stir you up'
 - b) intentional reminders
 - intend to always remind you
 - making every effort



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- insure when I am no longer here to remind you, you won't forget
- c) Aware My time is almost gone
 - shown by Jesus end is here
 - share what is most important
 - legacy this matters



So What?

1. Message for Us Today

- have the truth
- important words to 'stir us up', bring action to our lives

2. Be Aware

- drift is real and dangerous
- knowledge without application dangerous
- can lose perspective and clarity



So What?

3. Be Diligent

- divine nature yours
- divine power provided
- your participation important
 - make every effort
 - add to faith practice allowing God to bear fruit
 - reminders important, review often

