

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Be All that You Can Be!" (Part 3)

Text: 2 Peter 1:3-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. Is there a difference?
 - A. **Eternal Security:** the work of God which guarantees that the gift of salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be lost.
 - B. **Assurance:** the realization of the truth of eternal security. A secure salvation is a true fact whether one realizes it or not. A believer has security whether or not he/she has assurance.
2. Reasons for Eternal Security
 - A. A believer's _____ with the Godhead
 - B. The _____ of God
 - C. _____ & _____ is occurring in our lives

RESOURCES FOR CHANGE & GROWTH ARE PROVIDED (vv. 3, 4)

1. "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness" (or "everything we need for living a godly life" = NLT).
2. These **resources** enable us to "participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

RESOLVE TO GROW & CHANGE IS REQUIRED (vv. 5-7)

1. Notice the **Effort** that is Prescribed (5a)
"make every effort" = "applying (NASB) or giving (NKJV) all diligence"
2. Notice the **Virtues** to be Pursued (5b-7)
"make ev'ry effort to add" or "giving/applying all diligence, add to your faith"

All this leads up to verses 8-11, in which Peter concludes his discussion concerning "change & growth" with a focus on this matter of assurance.

REASONS FOR CHANGE & GROWTH ARE EXPLAINED (vv. 8-11)

"If you possess these qualities in increasing measure." Peter lays out 4 areas of our Christian lives affected by true spiritual "change & growth" or by the lack of it.

1. _____ (v. 8)
2. _____ and _____ (v. 9)
3. _____ (v. 10a)
4. _____ (vv. 10b, 11)
 - A. You will never _____ (i.e., stumble)
 - B. You will receive a rich _____

SOMETHING TO PONDER:

1. Will there be _____ in Heaven?
2. Two _____:
 - A. _____
Scripture: 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:10-15
 - B. _____
Scripture: Rev. 20:11-15