

Authentic Christian Living
Part Three: Growing
2 Peter 1:1-11
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1. The foundation of biblical spiritual growth is the imputed righteousness of Christ (2 Peter 1:1-4)

Every believer:

- Has a faith of equal standing before God (1:1)
- Has everything he or she needs for spiritual life and living (1:3)
- Is called to pursue Christ's character (1:3)
- Partakes of Christ's nature (1:4)
- Has escaped bondage to the world's corruption (1:4)

2. Believers are called to build character qualities on this faith foundation (2 Peter 1:5-7)

- Virtue – proven commitment to God's standard of moral excellence.
- Knowledge – a thorough knowledge of God and his expectations.
- Self-Control – the habit of saying no to self and yes to God
- Steadfastness – obedience with delayed gratification
- Godliness – genuine devotion to God
- Brotherly affection – treating fellow believers as brothers and sisters in Christ
- Love - sacrifice for the benefit of others

3. Developing these character qualities provide a wealth of benefits for a believer (2 Peter 1:8-11)

- A deeper knowledge of the Lord (1:8-9)
- Assurance of your salvation (1:10-11)