

**THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**  
**VOLUME 5: LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD**  
**MESSAGE 31: THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**  
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**I. 2 Peter 1:1-12 - This is the Path: All these verses 1-7 lead us to God's Glory and Virtue (Moral Excellence)**

- a. Verses 1-4 is The Perfect Path to the Christian Life
- b. Seven is God's number of perfection. The path and the things we add to support our Faith each have a list of seven.
- c. The first seven lead us to the Mature or Perfect Christian
  - i. **[verse 1] Identify what God says you are in Christ**
  - ii. **[verse 1] Obtain Like precious Faith (value that Faith)**
    1. **Realize God is Right in everything He says and everything He advises us to do**
  - iii. **[verse 2] allow Grace and Peace to be Multiplied**
  - iv. **[verse 3] understand the Divine Power of God**
  - v. **[verse 3] God has given us Life and Godliness**
  - vi. **[verse 3] We are ALL called to the Glory & Virtue**
  - vii. **[verse 4] Partake of the Divine Nature of God**
- d. The second list supports fully our Faith to make that Faith powerful
  - i. Virtue – Moral Excellence which produces power
  - ii. Knowledge
  - iii. Temperance
  - iv. Patience
  - v. Godliness
  - vi. Brotherly Kindness
  - vii. Charity = everything in God's Kingdom works from Charity
- e. The Vision God gave Pastor Jerry:
  - i. A Table (Psalm 23:5) filled with everything God has Promised: those Precious Promises of 2 Peter 1:4
  - ii. All the things that need to be obtained by Faith
  - iii. The Table legs are the Support for the Table of Faith
  - iv. When the legs are weak the table tilts and the Promises fall off the table: 2 Peter 1:9
- f. Verses 8-10, 11 are the results of following God's perfect path and supporting your Faith while you walk that path
- g. Verse 9: the results of getting off God's path

- II. **In verses 8-12 Peter lets us know what will happen if we don't do these things and what we will accomplish when we do, do them: the choice is ours**
- a. We'll be fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
  - b. We will never fall into Satan's traps, temptations, snare
  - c. We will have an abundant entrance into God's Kingdom – where God's protection and provision resides
- III. **2 Peter 1:10 = You make God's Calling and the Election of it Sure**
- a. Calling for everyone = to Glory and Virtue
  - b. Election = to walk the perfect path, stay on that path and walk it all out by Faith in God and the Faith of God [Mark 11:22]
  - c. 2 Peter 1:9 = a more sure Word of Prophecy
    - i. War a good warfare (1 Timothy 6:12) through our Faith in God's Prophetic, Covenant, Precious Promises
- IV. **2 Peter 1:11 = following God's plan give us a wide open entrance into the Kingdom of God (Kingdom of Heaven, Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ)**
- a. **“In order to make the Kingdom of God our priority as Jesus taught us, we need to cut through the mystery surrounding it and uncover the truth God wants to reveal to us through His Word. We can only go as high as the revelation we've received, so we must look into the Scriptures to enter the Kingdom life that God has provided for us. From Genesis to Revelation God has revealed the secrets of His Kingdom.”** (Bill Winston from the forward (page vii) of his book: *The Kingdom of God in You*)
  - b. **“In order to stand our ground and fight, we as believers have to live lives that leave no doors open to the enemy.”** (Rick Renner from his book: *Life in the Combat Zone*, chapter 1: The Front Lines of Battle, page 17)
- V. **So, Let's start our path to walk in the Kingdom of Light.**
- VI. **This path will keep us in the Prosperous, Healthy Life that God has intended for the Body of Christ (the Church)**

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