

A different approach

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2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵ But also for this reason very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue(moral excellence); to virtue (moral excellence) knowledge; ⁶ to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness(love for Christians), and to brotherly kindness love(a love for everyone)

v 8 For if these things are
yours and abound, you will
be neither barren nor
unfruitful in the knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:v 5-7

= Productive and useful in
your knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

= all things that pertain to
life and godliness!

The other side of the coin

2 Peter 1:9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

The Fleshly Person

Galatians 5: 16-18

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[c] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The Spiritual Person

New years resolution

v 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Not under law, but under grace

Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of God.(hearing the gospel/ the good news of Jesus Christ)

The gospel = good news

The spiritual man changes when he hears good news.

2 Corinthians 5:21

That we might become the
righteousness of God in Him(Jesus
Christ)

John 7:38

He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit.....

John 8:31

If you abide in My word, you are my disciples. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Ephesians 1: 17-19 Prayer by Paul

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.