Messianic 201: Adding to Your Faith

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What is Peter saying here?

Does Peter contradict what we have been taught about being sinners? We fall down but we get up.

Does Peter take away our excuses for not measuring up?

Peter is giving us the formula for walking out a life of excellence in Messiah in this present world.

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It is the work of the Spirit that produces Godly Character. We must do our part in allowing the Holy Spirit to produce Godly Character and not resist, grieve, or deny the Holy Spirit's work.

To add to our faith means we must work with/aid the Holy Spirit. We must contribute!

(2023)— ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o; from (1909) and (5524) to furnish besides, i.e. fully supply, (figurative) aid or contribute: — add, minister (nourishment, unto).

This work is produced through trials.

One fellow sends me emails that I am about works and that Messiah has done it all, we have to do nothing.

Try that on your job. Do nothing.

Try that in your marriage. Do nothing.

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(4102)— pis'-tis; from (3982) persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Messiah for salvation; abstract constancy in such profession; by extensive the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: — assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

(3982)— pi'-tho; a primary verb; to convince (by argument, true or false); by analogy to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); reflexive or passive to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty): — agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) confident, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

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The more acquainted we are of YeHoVaH, the more grace/favor/freedom we have and the more peace/prosperity/rest/enjoined /oneness with YeHoVaH we obtain.

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glory

(1391)— dox'-ah; from the base of Greek glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, object or subject): — dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.

virtue:

(703)— ar-et-ay'; from the same as (730) properly manliness (valor), i.e. excellence (intrinsic or attributed): — praise, virtue.

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(1939)— ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah; from (1937) a longing (especially for what is forbidden): — concupiscence, desire, lust (after).

The List in this passage is not an order of things that we add, but a list of things we all should be working on simultaneously together in unison with The Holy Spirit in our walk with Messiah!

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Paul writes in Philippians 4:8-9:

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phil 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

temperance;

(1466) — eng-krat'-i-ah; from (1468) selfcontrol (especially continence): — temperance.

(1468) — eng-krat-ace'; from (1722) (ejn) and (2904) strong in a thing (masterful), i.e. (figurative and reflex.) self-controlled (in appetite, etc.): — temperate.

and to temperance patience;

patience;

(5281) — hoop-om-on-ay'; from (5278) cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: — enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

(5278) — hoop-om-en'-o; from (5259) and (3306) to stay under (behind), i.e. remain; figurative to undergo, i.e. bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: — abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, tarry behind.

and to patience godliness;

godliness; (2150) — yoo-seb'-i-ah; from (2152) piety; specially the gospel scheme: — godliness, holiness.

(2152) — yoo-seb-ace'; from (2095) (eu+) and (4576) (se>bomai); well-reverent, i.e. pious: — devout, godly.

And to godliness brotherly kindness;

brotherly kindness; (5360) — fil-ad-el-fee'-ah; from (5361) fraternal affection: — brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren.

Ex: Police, Masons, College Frats

(5361) , — fil-ad'-el-fos; from (5384) and (80) fond of brethren, i.e. fraternal: — love as brethren.

and to brotherly kindness charity

charity

(26) — ag-ah'-pay; from (25) (ajgapa>w); love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: — (feast of) charity([-ably]), dear, love.

(25) — ag-ap-ah'-o; perhaps from a]gan (much) [or compare Hebrew {5689} to love (in a social or moral sense): —(be-) love (-ed).

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(692)— ar-gos'; from (1) (a) (as a negative particle) and (2041) inactive, i.e. unemployed; (by implication) lazy, useless: — barren, idle, slow.

(175) a]karpov, — ak'-ar-pos; from (1) (a) (as a negative particle) and (2590) (karpo>v); barren (literal or figurative): — without fruit, unfruitful.

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

(5185) — toof-los'; from (5187) opaque (as if smoky), i.e. (by analogy) blind (physical or mental): — blind.

(5187) — toof-o'-o; from a derivative of (5188) to envelop with smoke, i.e. (figurative) to inflate with self-conceit: — high-minded, be lifted up with pride, be proud.

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diligence

(4710) spoudh>, — spoo-day'; from (4692) (speu>dw); "speed", i.e. (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness: — business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste.

Trials and tests

James 1:1-4

1st Peter 4:12-19

(4451) — poo'-ro-sis; from (4448) (puro>w); ignition, i.e.

(special) smelting (figurative conflagration, calamity as a test): — burning, trial.