II PETER 1; December 19; Add To Your Faith 7 Characteristics

ANALYSIS: 1. What are 7 spiritual characteristics we are to add to our faith to please God?
2. What good thing is true of the person possessing the above 7 characteristics?
3. What carnal thing is true of the person who lacks the above 7 characteristics?
4. What voice and what words did Peter hear while on the holy mount?
5. How does Peter compare the words he heard with written Scripture?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Peter tells us his goal is to remind his hearers of truth they were already established in. He knew that he was soon to pass from this life. He desires the truth he had taught would always be remembered. He reminds them that his doctrine was not based on fables about Christ, for he was an eyewitness of Christ's majesty. He longed that his hearers would experience an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter knew his hearers needed the reminder he was writing to them (vs 13-14). He assumed his hearers would use and benefit from this letter (v 15). Since we have never sat under the ministry of an apostle, we need the written words of scripture even more than those 1st century Christians. Are you and I using the written word as we might, to hold to the ancient doctrinal landmarks, and be reminded of our responsibilities and our Lord's promises to meet all our needs? Decide now to read and meditate in God's word every day!

HELP:

- 1. Virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity (vs 5-7).
- 2. That person will not be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of out Lord Jesus Christ (v 8).
- 3. That person is blind, cannot see a far off, hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins (v 9).
- 4. A voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (v 17).
- 5. Peter said we have a more sure word of prophecy (than the voice and words Peter heard from heaven), for the prophecy (inspired scripture) came not be the will of man, but by the Holy Ghost (vs 19-21).