

II PETER CHAPTER I

Grace Unleashed 2 Peter 1:5-7



- Think about how you have grown and matured as a Christian. What were the significant events, resources, or times that affected your growth? How do you think spiritual growth occurs?
- Would you consider yourself to be a mature Christian? Why or why not? How do you measure your maturity?
- Before Peter calls his readers to action, he points them backwards by saying, 'For this very reason' (vs. 5a) What is he talking about? Why is it so important to keep these things in focus and perspective as we seek to follow Christ?
- How does keeping what God has done in mind empower and enable us to obey? Do you remember what God has done?
- Look through the list of 8 virtues that Peter lists. What do you notice about the list? How are these virtues connected? Are they progressive? Do they build on each other?
- Divide up the virtues among the group. Answer the following questions for each: What is this virtue? How does it show up in someone's life? What would someone look like who has a lot of this virtue? What would someone look like who has none of it? What are some other passages that point to this virtue that helps us understand or illustrate it?
- How is this list and these virtues similar to and different from Paul's list of the fruit of the Spirit in Gal 5? What does that tell us about Christian maturity?
- Why do you think the list begins with faith and ends with love? Is that significant? Why or why not?
- How do these qualities connect to your salvation? Looking ahead, what would you say if these qualities were absent in someone's life? How about your own?