**Things you need – Knowledge**

**Grace and peace multiply as we increase in the knowledge of God & the Lord Jesus Christ**

2 Pet 1:2 - grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord

**God provides everything for life & godliness as we increase in the true knowledge of God & the Lord Jesus Christ**

2 Pet 1:3 – seeing His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence

**The believer must increase in the true knowledge of God & the Lord Jesus Christ**

2 Pet. 1: 5 – 6 – now for this reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self- control, and in your self – control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness

**The believer is useful and fruitful while increasing in the true knowledge of God & the Lord Jesus Christ**

2 Pet. 1:8 – for if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

**The duty of the believer is to grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ**

2 Pet 3:18 – but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen

**What is the meaning of the word knowledge?**

1. To know someone or something for who or what he or it really is.
2. To come to an inward understanding of something
3. To learn or find out some fact
4. To grow in deeper understanding of someone or something
5. To give acknowledgement of someone or something

***Increasing in the true knowledge of God and the Lord Jesus Christ is a personal experiential knowledge***

1. Increasing in the true knowledge that leads to salvation

John 17:3 – This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent

2 Cor. 4:6 - For God, who said, light shall shine out of darkness, is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ

John 6:69 - we have believed and come to know that you are the Holy One of God

Eph. 3:19 - to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God

1 John 4:16 – we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him

1. Increasing in the true knowledge of the One who called to salvation

Rom. 8:30 – and these whom He predestined, He also called, and these whom He called, He also justified, and these whom He justified, He also glorified

1 Tim 6:12 - fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses

2 Tim 1:9 – who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity

1 Pet 1:15 – but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior

1 Pet 2:9 – But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who as called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

1 Pet 5:10 – after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you

1. Increasing in the true knowledge by growing in the knowledge of God & the Lord Jesus Christ

Eph. 1:17 - that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him

Eph. 4:13 – until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ

Col 1:10 – increasing in the knowledge of God

Col 2:2 -3 - that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Col. 3:10 - and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the One who created him

2 Tim 1:12 – for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day

**Practices for growing in the knowledge of God and the Lord Jesus Christ**

1. Read and study God’s word - Ps. 119:40
2. Submit to teaching and preaching of God’s word – Acts 10:33
3. Allow the Holy Spirit of God to teach you God’s word – John 16:13
4. Asking God for wisdom and understanding of His word – Ps119:18
5. Seeking to know God’s will based on the knowledge of God & the Lord Jesus Christ – Col 1:9
6. Maintain a deep and growing hunger and thirst for God’s word – 1 Pet. 2:2
7. Receiving God’s truth in humility – James 1:26
8. Desire more of knowledge of God and the Lord Jesus Christ – Phil 3:10
9. Study the nature of God & the Lord Jesus Christ – Ex 34, Col 1, Heb 1
10. Learn God’s ways and His works – Ps. 25:4
11. Grow to understand God’s will & purpose for all things in Christ Jesus – Col. 2:2