

EVER INCREASING

2Peter 1:8 *"For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (NKJV)

The Promise

- ▣ If we are ever increasing in the eight qualities mentioned earlier in Peter's letter, we will never stumble and a grand entrance will be added for us when we enter into God's kingdom.
- ▣ **2 Peter 1.10-11** *"Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

The Warning

- ▣ If we don't have the eight things mentioned then we have become shortsighted and blind because we forgot how much we needed God to cleanse us from our sins.
- ▣ **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."*

8 Things To Ever Increase

- ▣ Starting from faith and culminating in love, these eight things describe our growth in putting on Christ.
- ▣ **2 Peter 1:5-7** *"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love."*

The Reason

- ▣ The reason we want to ever increase in the eight things is to partake of the divine (God's) nature and escape the depravity of this world.
- ▣ **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."*

Who Can Do This?

- ▣ Anyone who has faith in God and our Savior Jesus Christ.
- ▣ **2 Peter 1:1** *"Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:"*
- ▣ **Hebrews 11:6** *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."*