

Add To Your Faith

Introduction

Reading--[2 Peter 1:1-11](#)

A. Guarantees

1. “Guaranteed satisfaction or your money back!”
2. We like guarantees because of security
3. Product Security, Job security, Marital Security!
4. We don’t like--“There are no guarantees!”

B. Are there Spiritual Guarantees?

1. The Spirit is our guarantee:
 - a. [2 Corinthians 5:5](#)--God has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
 - b. [2 Corinthians 1:21-22](#) [Ephesians 1:14](#)
2. [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.
3. SURE! NEVER STUMBLE! How can you have this Guarantee?

#1 Understand the Origin of the Guarantee.

A. It is God’s Promise:

1. This is not a worldly contract with worldly wording.
2. A godly guarantee comes out of a godly life!
3. Read verses [5-7](#)—Add to your faith...
4. Not governmental recommendations or new age philosophies.
5. God sent, God approved, God guaranteed!

B. Based on God’s process!

1. THIS faith is not temporary, visual nor is it blind faith.
2. THIS virtue is not based on culture or opinion.
3. THIS knowledge is not trivial, nor far beyond us
4. THIS self-control is not based on human experience
5. THIS perseverance is not simply compromise
6. THIS godliness is not something ritual
7. THIS brotherly kindness is not momentary, or frivolous
8. THIS love is not sexual or conditional.

#2 Keep The Guarantee

A. Peter begins the seven virtues saying, "Add to your faith."

1. This is not something you get, then put on a shelf.
2. It would be like getting baptized framing and hanging your baptismal certificate, yet never open the Bible, never go to church, never pray, never mention it again! When someone asks you if you’re going to heaven, take him or her to the framed certificate and say, “There’s my guarantee!”
3. Don’t go to the doctor then not take the medicine he prescribes!
4. [Philippians 3:12](#)--Not that I have already attained
5. [1 Corinthians 9:27](#)—I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

B. THIS Guarantee is not

1. Not a substitute for Christianity, it is a result of Christianity.
2. Not a rabbit's foot, or for some, a decorative cross.
3. Not a license to sin [Romans 6:1](#)—Shall we continue...?

C. “In Increasing Measure!”

1. What if you get married, and don’t talk to your spouse...?
2. What if your baby is born, but doesn’t grow?
3. What if you don’t “Add to your faith? *Spiritual malnutrition, spiritual sickness, and ultimately, spiritual death.*

#3 Include The Whole Guarantee

A. If anyone lacks these things...

1. [2 Peter 1:8-9](#)—barren, unfruitful; shortsighted, blind; forgetful
2. Don't think that you can be faithful without being virtuous.
3. Don't think that you can have this kind of knowledge without exercising self-control.
4. Don't think that you can be godly without persevering.
5. Don't think you have real love without brotherly kindness.
6. We need them all. They all work together.

B. Invitation:

1. If you are not nurturing your growth in Christ, be transformed...
2. Or, If you have not been baptized into Christ, you can right now
3. Don’t wait, come to Jesus right now while we stand and sing.