

Add To Your Faith

“Virtue”

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

A. “Reading, Writing and Arithmetic”

1. Basics of society.
2. You need them to get along in everyday life.

B. Addition (Arithmetic) is a part of the Bible

1. There’s even a Book called “NUMBERS!”
2. [Deuteronomy 4:2](#)—“**You shall not add to the word** which I command you, **nor take from it**, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.
3. [Matthew 6:27](#)—“Which of you **by worrying can add** one cubit to his stature?”
4. [Philippians 1:15-16](#)--Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from good will: The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to **add affliction** to my chains

C. Add To Your Faith... [2 Peter 1:3-11](#)

1. These are things from God.
2. These are necessary, not optional.
3. All of these are required...so we add to our faith VIRTUE!
4. Define **Virtue**—moral goodness, moral excellence, modesty, purity.

#1 Add to your FAITH virtue

A. Without Faith...

1. [Hebrews 11:6](#)—Impossible to please him.
2. ALL that follows STARTS HERE!

B. Don’t think THIS:

1. “If I can just become virtuous enough, I will please God.”
2. “If I can become good enough, I can get to heaven.”

C. Justified by FAITH!

1. [Romans 3:10](#)—None is righteous, NO NOT ONE!
2. [Romans 5:1-2](#)—Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

#2 ADD to your Faith Virtue

A. Having faith, does not mean you have virtue

1. Many people believe in Christ, yet are not virtuous.
2. Not a working faith, or an active faith, but a dead faith. [James 2:20](#)
3. [Hebrews 5:12-6:1](#)—THESE must be taught again...

B. Virtue, moral excellence must be ADDED.

1. To mature in Christ we must become good, moral, pure.
2. [Romans 6:1-2](#)—What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
3. “Just as I am” We can’t stay that way. We must become as HE IS!

#3 Add to your Faith VIRTUE

A. Goodness!

1. Moral Excellence, Purity, Modesty.
2. Have you ever been embarrassed? Some people can’t be.
3. Shame, and guilt and embarrassment have been aborted like millions of babies over the past 35 years.
4. [Jeremiah 6:15](#)—Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, They shall be cast down,” says the Lord.
5. This has been a problem for centuries, it’s nothing new.
6. IF, however, we want to be like Christ, we will add VIRTUE.

B. More than Doing...

1. You can do good without being good, but you can’t be good without doing good.
2. You can’t BE good without *thinking, speaking and behaving* in good ways, either.
3. [Philippians 3:8](#)—If there is any virtue, THINK, MEDITATE, DWELL on THESE things: virtuous things.

If you want to know God, to be like Christ and be lead by His Spirit, give up the world’s way of doing and thinking. Come to Jesus—change your mind and behavior and be baptized into Christ.

Done that already? If you haven’t been what you know you need to be for Jesus and for those around you, start over right now. If want prayer to help you, make it known to us while we stand and sing.