

3. The Spiritual Amnesia that Comes with Immaturity (2 Peter 1:9)

Table Talk

- 1) How many virtues does Peter give in verses 5-7? What patterns do you see in this list of virtues? Which ones do you see most easily in others? In yourself? Which ones do you least see in others? In yourself?
- 2) Why is Peter insistent that the mature Christian has these virtues? Why is he insistent that the mature Christian is constantly growing in these virtues? (1:8) Are you an effective Christian? Are you a fruitful Christian? What can make you both more effective and more fruitful?
- 3) What does Peter mean by “the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ”? (v. 8)
- 4) How does a Christian make his calling and election sure? How can we say that our assurance is dependent upon our growth in these virtues and yet say that our salvation is completely by grace? (v. 10)
- 5) How does Peter bring the issue of God’s kingdom into the matter of Christian maturity? (v. 11) Whose kingdom are we supposed to be building, according to verse 11?
- 6) Is it possible to be a genuine believer in Christ and not know it? What is the “spiritual amnesia” that Peter describes in verse 9? Have you ever experienced that? Do you know anyone who has? Is it possible to be an unbeliever and not know it? Why are false assurance and spiritual amnesia really important and practical issues?