

2ND PETER

The next couple of verses are concluding the earlier injunction to make every effort to add to our faith goodness, knowledge; self-control; perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness; and love. Here we find some very precious promises for those who do.



CHAPTER 1:10-11

10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Notice that we should be eager for Christ-like characteristics to be manifested in us. Does that seem an apt description of Christians you know? Explain your answer...

Ephesians 2:8 makes it clear that we are **“saved by grace through faith.”** So, what does Peter mean when he says that adding these attributes will **“make our calling and election sure?”**

Peter says, if we make the effort to increase in these virtues, we **“will never fall.”** Fall from what or from where?

Peter also promises we will receive something wonderful as a reward. What is it?

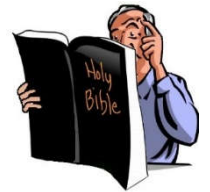
What do you make of the idea of a **“rich welcome”** awaiting you?

To what does **“the eternal kingdom”** refer?

Points to Ponder

How might the words of Peter here correspond with those of James 2:14-18?

Read Luke 15:22-24 and consider the way the father welcomed home the prodigal son. How might that give us some insight into the rich welcome awaiting us?



What are the boundaries of the eternal kingdom and who determines them?