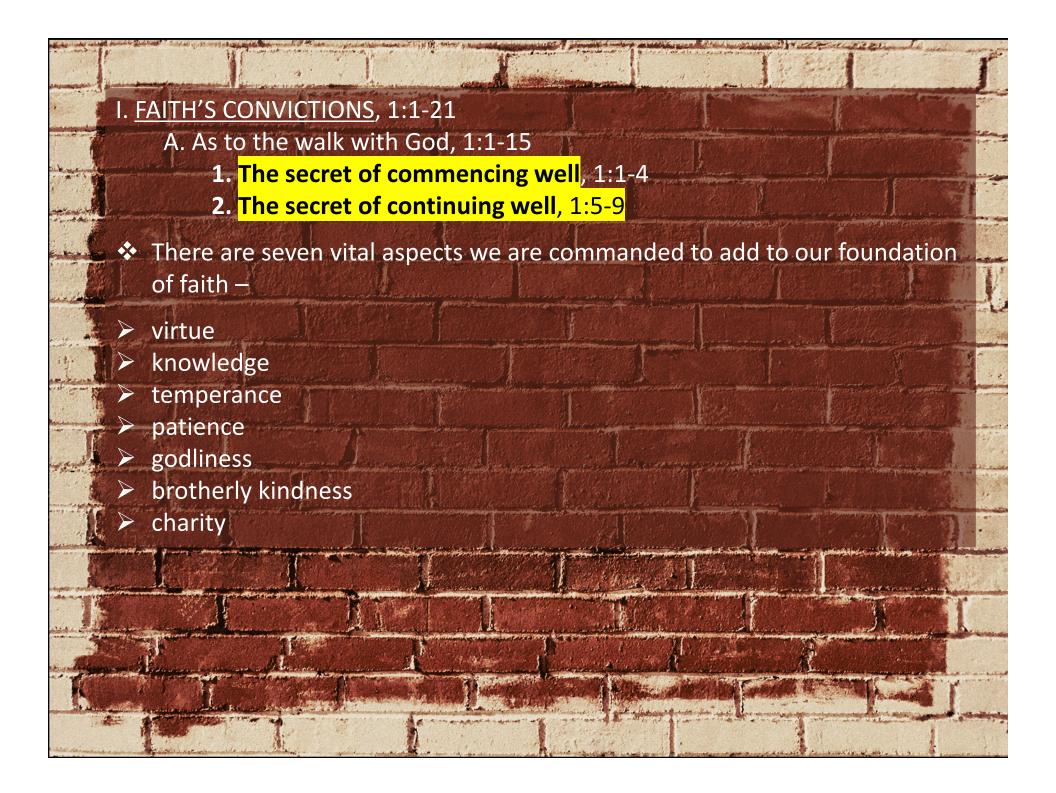
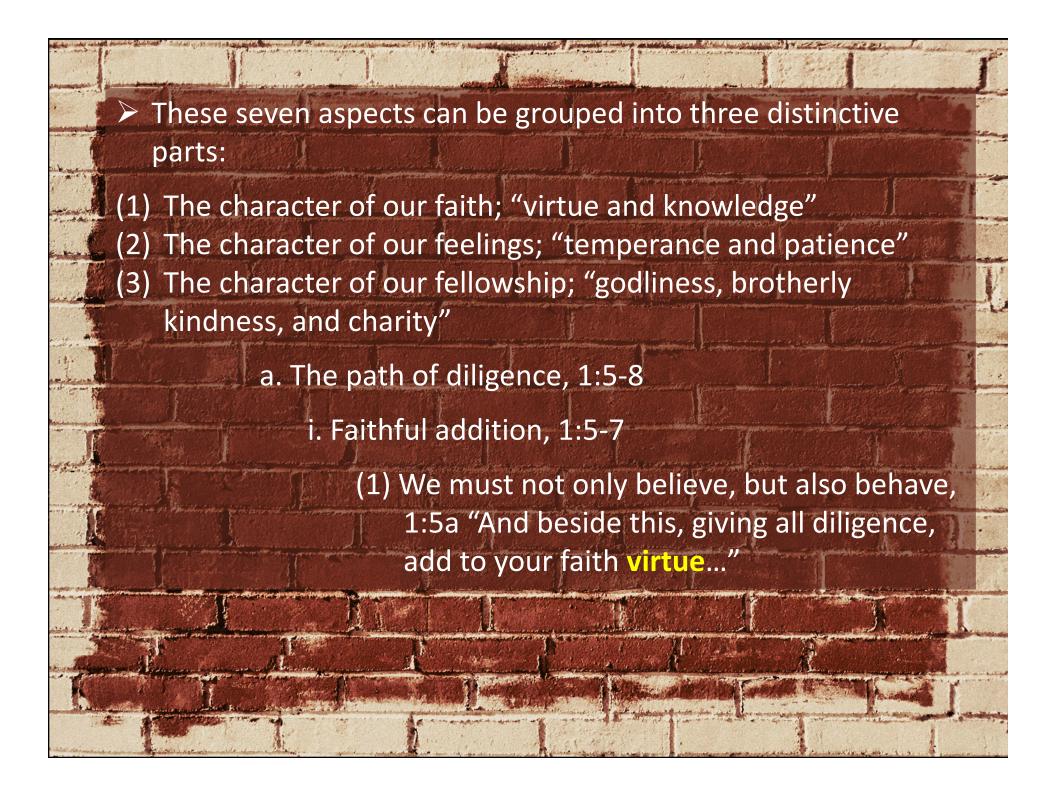


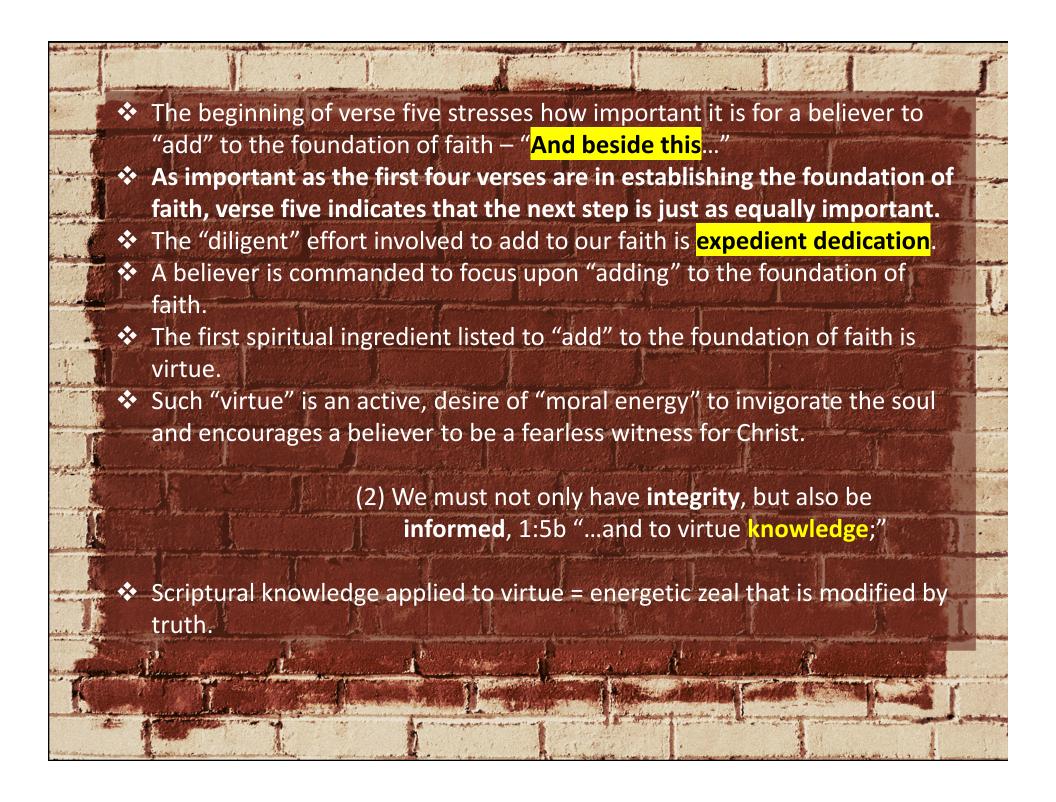


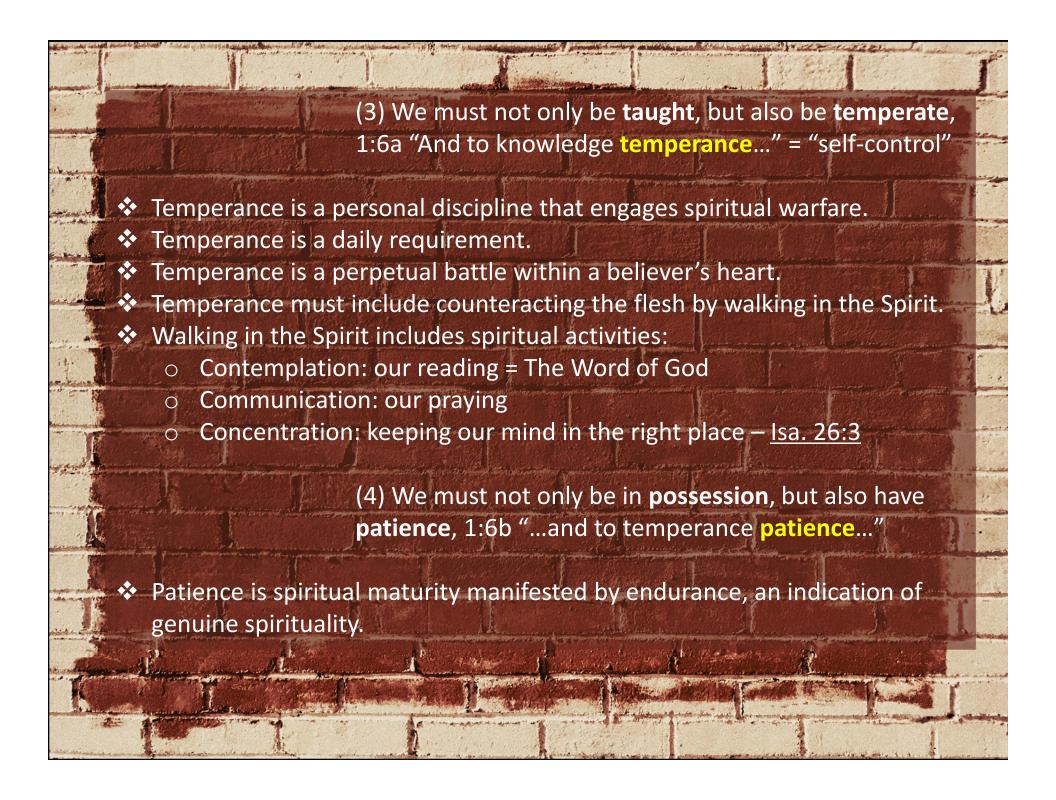
- 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
 - <u>5</u> And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
 - 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;











This morning we consider the fifth ingredient to add to faith – godliness.

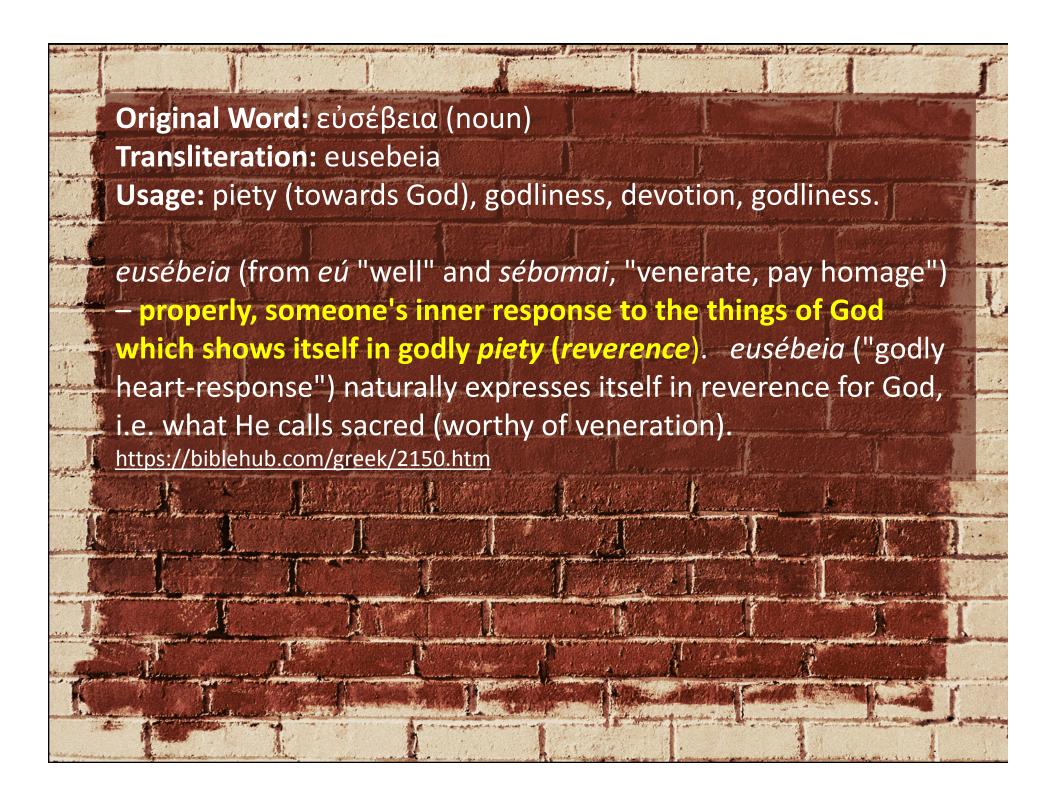
- (5) We must not only be **patiently good**, but also be **patiently godly**, 1:6c "...and to patience **godliness**;
- Godliness is an inner conviction of holiness unto God that is manifested in an outwardly way by the characteristics one lives life.

GODLINESS, noun [from godly.] Piety; belief in God, and reverence for his character and laws.

1. A religious life; a careful observance of the laws of God and performance of religious duties, proceeding from love and reverence for the divine character and commands; Christian obedience.

Godliness is profitable unto all things. 1 Timothy 4:7

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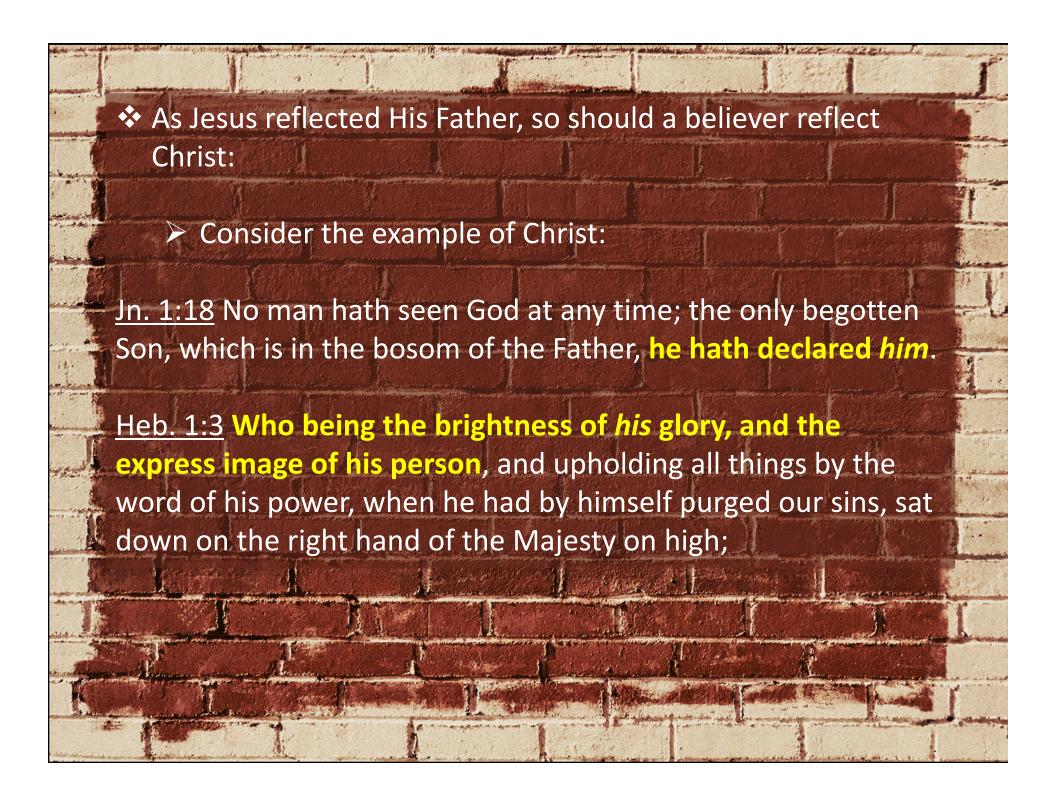
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The "divine nature" is a spiritual transformation occurring at one's salvation.

<u>Jn. 4:24</u> God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

1 Jn. 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. A lack of spiritual relationship with God = an unsaved sinner who needs salvation. Rom. 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (b) Godliness is Built by Reflecting the Savior Godliness is a by-product of the spiritual relationship with Christ.



Jn. 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

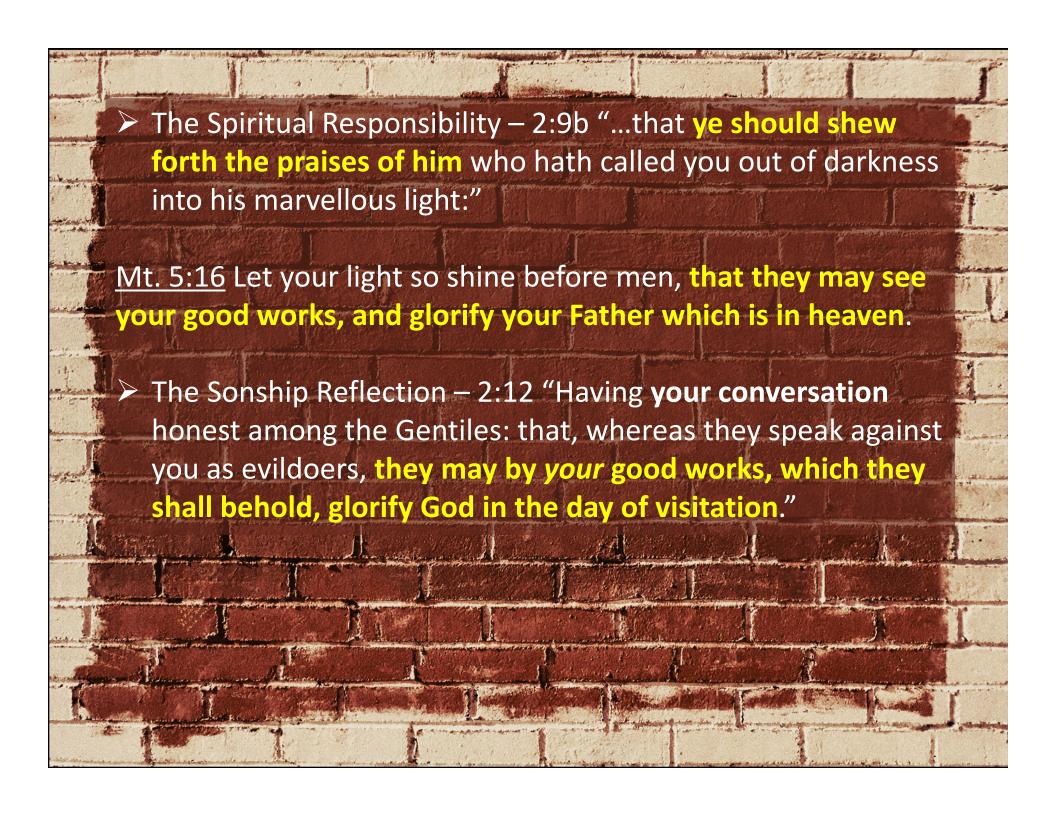
9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

The First Epistle of Peter expressed the principle of a believer representing Christ:

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

- 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- ➤ The Special Relationship 2:9a "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...v. 10... but are now the people of God..."
- 1 Jn. 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.



1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

A believer's identity should be wrapped up in a relationship with Christ!

Deu 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

<u>8</u> But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

A believer is loved by God!

Phil. 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

1 Cor. 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Rom. 14:8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Summary A believer's life of godliness is a consistent influence of "adding" to the foundation of faith. Each additional aspect to faith is another step of living a victorious Christian life: Virtue = Moral energy for motivation Knowledge = Scriptural truth for assurance > Temperance = Self-control at all times Patience = Endurance to finish "the race of life" Godliness = Living daily in reflecting the Lord Jesus Christ

