

7 Additions to Faith

2 Peter 1:1-11

“Divine Love”

Today we will conclude this series of messages from 2 Peter Chapter One on “Seven Additions to your faith.” What a great study this has been! Our text is 2 Peter 1:1-11. You start with faith because every believer has faith.

1. The book of Hebrews states that Jesus is the author and finisher of _____.

We start with faith and then you add to your faith:

- Virtue. Virtue is the moral compass that directs us to do that which honors God.
- Knowledge. Spiritual knowledge is more than just facts and information. It is experiencing God. It is “getting to know” God.
- Self-Control. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to teach you how to control yourself without becoming a control freak.
- Patience. And oh how we need patience! But how is patience developed? James says through the trial of your faith; through submission and perseverance and persistence.
- Godliness. We begin to realize our family resemblance and heritage. God is our father and we are made in his likeness. And we start reflecting that in our attitudes and behaviors.
- Brotherly Kindness. We are brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are members of God’s family and we are linked to each other in Christ.
- Divine Love.

2. We must remember that when we were _____, God loved us enough to send Christ to die for our sins. John 3:16.

3. Phileo is the tender affection of brotherly love. But this last trait is _____, is the kind of love that summons deep commitment and caring.
4. Agape is a dynamic, impelling and _____ love.

I. Love Reaches Out to Others

5. The Greatest Commandment is to _____ God with all your heart, soul, and mind.
6. The second great commandment is to _____ your neighbor as yourself.
7. Every good Christian ought to do their part to give a _____ for Christ.
8. We need the Holy Spirit to light a fire in our hearts and give us an earnest _____ to see others come to know Christ and worship with us.
9. If we seriously care about our friends and family we are not ashamed to _____ them to Christ.
10. It takes _____ and concern to reach out to people in love.
11. There are many people today who just need someone to believe in them and _____ about them.

II. Love Sacrifices for Others

12. Jesus came to convince us of the Father's _____.

13. Agape Love bridges the gulf between _____ and us.
14. The good news of the gospel is that God loves you enough to _____ you
15. This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning _____ for our sins.
16. The Bible teaches that God is _____. A holy and just God demands a penalty be paid for sin.
17. We are sinners, none of us can pay the penalty for our own sin so God prepared his own sacrifice; and that sacrifice was _____.
18. The very reason Jesus came into the world was to save _____.
19. The mission of Jesus was to go to the _____.
20. Through the _____ of God we have become heirs and joint-heirs with Christ.
21. Every person who knows Jesus Christ as their personal savior has a good reason to rejoice that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of _____.

III. Love Shares With Others

22. When Jesus left this world to return to the Father, he left us an assignment. We call it the Great _____.
23. We must be able to love people in spite of their _____.

24.The greatest and most complete addition that you can make to your faith is the addition of God's love that wins the hearts of _____. Romans 5:8.

Conclusion

25.Sinfulness and fallenness is the essential definition of _____.

God made us to be more than we are. He created us in his own image. That means you can be better than you are! We can become like him. To think like him, to love like him, to dream like him. We are called to something higher than that which benefits us. We are called to love others the way God does.

Add to your faith Divine Love – God's agape love – and win your world for Christ!

ANSWERS

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