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Crucified Living: Knowledge That Leads To Growth

To Understand Our Faith Is To Know Who God And Christ Jesus Is

John 17:3 - *And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*

2 Peter 1:1-2 - *Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

Knowledge Doesn't Remain Static

Genuine Faith Longs For Closeness With Jesus

We Strive To Grow Beyond The Basics With An Expectancy To Mature

1 Peter 2:9 - *...you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

In Our Character And Conduct, We're Striving To Reveal His Beauty And Grace Today

2 Peter 1:3-4 - *By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.*

It's Our Intimate Knowledge Of Christ That Gives Us The Power For Life And Growth

The Power To Grow Doesn't Come From Within Us, But From God

John 3:6 - *Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.*

1 Peter 1:23 - *For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.*

1 John 5:1 - *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too.*

Proverbs 9:12 - *If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.*

The Lord Wants To Build Godly Character Into Our Lives

Character Is Built On Decisions, And Bad Decisions Will Create Bad Character