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Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior

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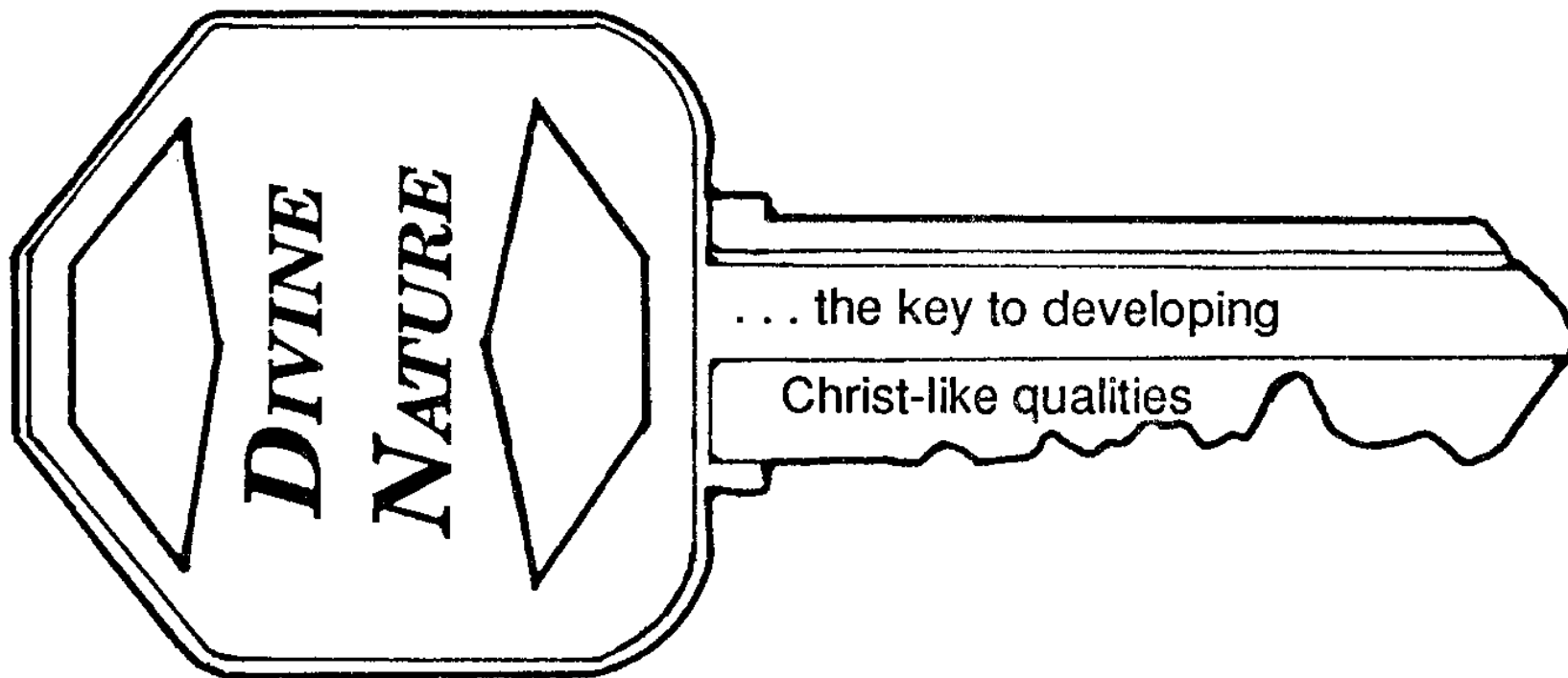
Jeremiah 31:31-34 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which My covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

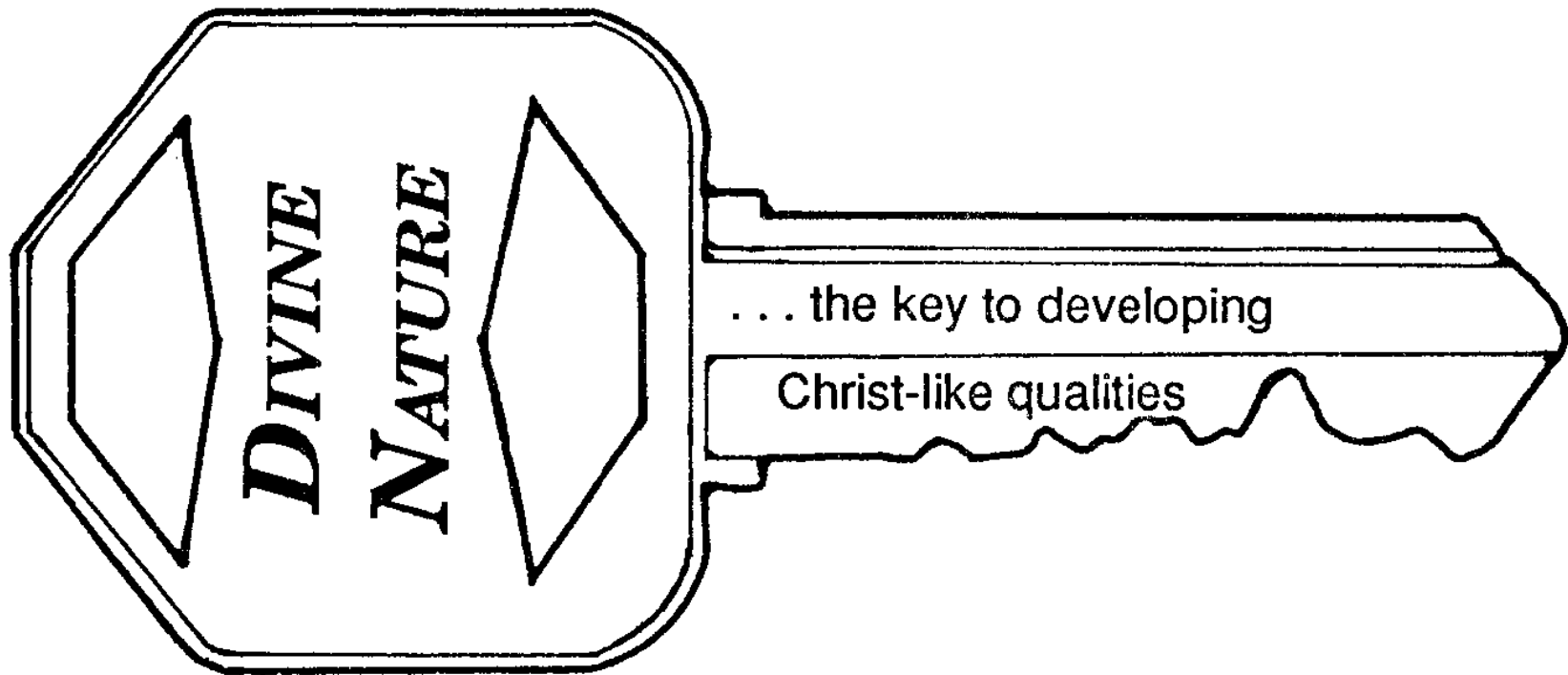
1 John 2:3-6 And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him. He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.

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JESUS CHRIST
2 PETER 3:18

What does it mean to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ?

2 Peter 1:1-4 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 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: 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.





Galatians 5:16 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

2 Peter 1:5-7 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

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knowledge of Him

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Faith is "conviction, strong assurance"

Virtue is "moral excellence, goodness"

Knowledge is "correct insight"

Self-control is "self-discipline"

Perseverance is "bearing up under trials"

Godliness is "godly character out of devotion to God"

Brotherly kindness is "love toward brethren"

Love is "active goodwill toward others"

Faith - Trust in God

Virtue - Put faith into practical service – good works

Knowledge - Through practical service, we come to know Him more

Self-control – As we are led by His spirit, we are reigning over the flesh

Perseverance – Our self-control needs to endure under trials

Godliness – Our endurance of trials need to be complete with Godly character

Brotherly kindness – Our Godliness is only complete with love toward brethren

Love - active goodwill toward others

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Each grace is working in harmony with the others to produce an overall effect

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Each grace is to temper and make perfect the grace
that goes before it

"to knowledge (add) self-control" - the grace of self-control enables one to apply properly the knowledge one has

"to self-control (add) perseverance" - self-control in turn needs the quality of perseverance to be consistent day after day

2 Peter 1:8-9 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.



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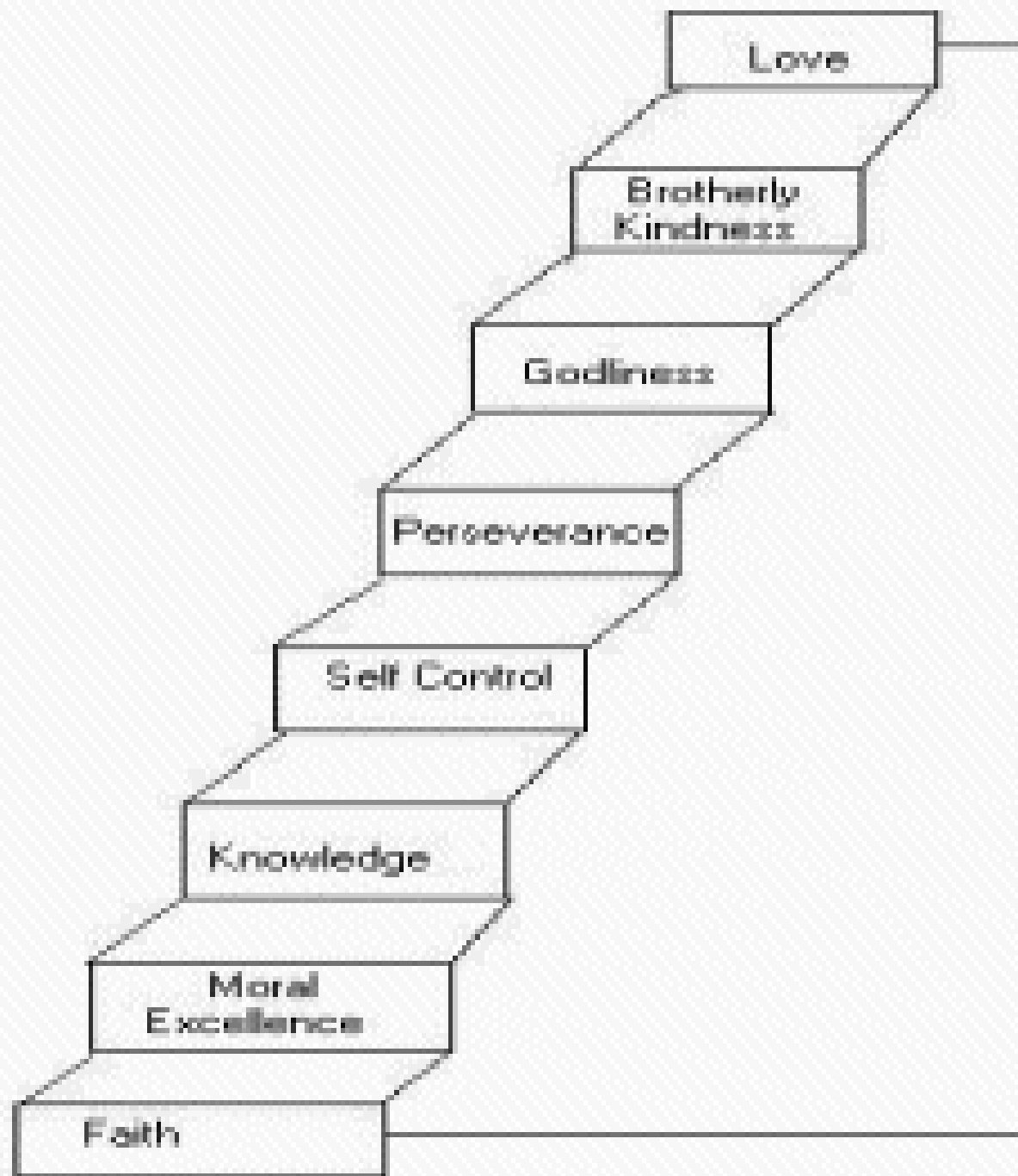
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Romans 8:29 For whom He did foreknow, **He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Ephesians 4:11-14 And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we **all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**: That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Colossians 3:1-10 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:



2 Peter 1:10-11 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"He did what was right and just, so all went well with him. He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. **Is that not what it means to know Me?**" declares the LORD.

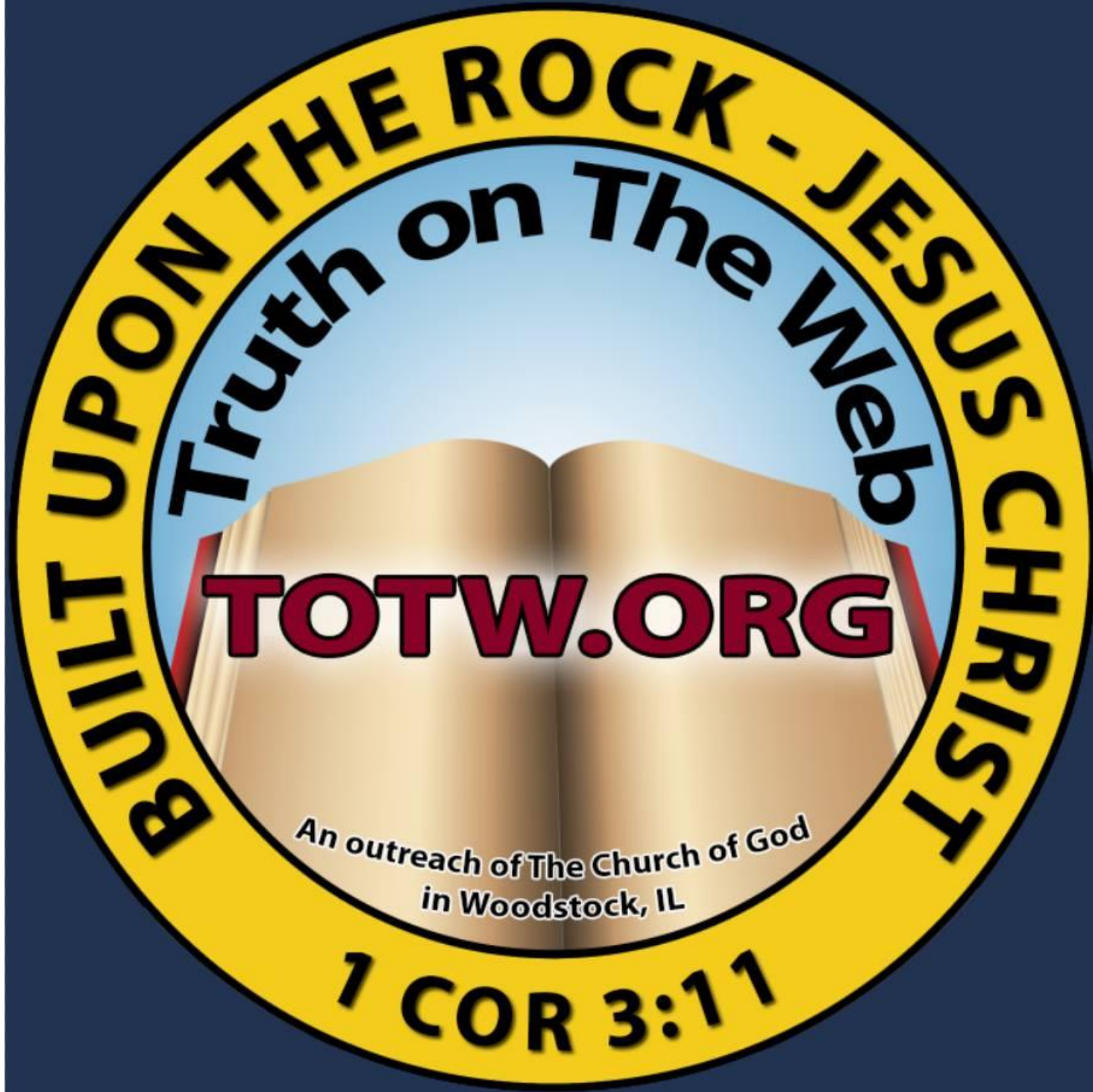
Jeremiah 22:15b,16

Incentives for growth...

1. Grace and peace are multiplied 2 Peter 1:2
2. Life and godliness are provided 2 Peter 1:3
3. Fruitfulness is ensured 2 Peter 1:8
4. Spiritual myopia and amnesia avoided 2 Peter 1:9
5. We will never stumble 2 Peter 1:10
6. We will have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ 2 Peter 1:11

Methodology for growth...

1. Start with trust, conviction (Faith)
2. Strive for moral excellence (Virtue)
3. Increase understanding (Knowledge)
4. Discipline mind and body (Self-Control)
5. Bear up under trials (Perseverance)
6. Do all to please God (Godliness)
7. Love the brethren (Brotherly Love)
8. With active good will toward all (Love)



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1 COR 3:11