

# WELCOME!

## SABBATH GREETINGS

FROM GOD THE FATHER AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
& YOUR FRIENDS AT



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SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD  
A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



# TWO POINT CONVERSION







THE SEVENTH DAY  
**GOD RULZ**  
LAND OF LINCOLN  
IS STILL GOD'S SARRATH



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Life

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What would Jesus Do?



# Quick Reflection

If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?





# CONVERT

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- Conversion Defined: "**To turn to, to turn one's self about, turn back**" (*Thayer*, 243-244)

**Strong's Greek Dictionary 1994.** ἐπιστρέφω **epistrepho** (**epistréphō**) ἐπιστρέφω **epistréphō**, **ep-ee-stref'-o** from G1909 and G4762; to revert (literally, figuratively or morally):— come (go) again, **convert**, **(re-)turn** (about, again). *verb*

**Strong's Greek Dictionary 4762.** στρέφω **strefho** (**stréphō**) στρέφω **stréphō**, **stref'-o** strengthened from the base of G5157; **to twist, i.e. turn quite around or reverse (literally or figuratively):—convert, turn** (again, back again, self, self about). *verb*

# TURN, TURN, TURN

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- To experience **conversion** is to **turn to the Lord**
- **Acts 9:32-35** And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named AENEAS, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him, AENEAS, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, **and turned to the Lord.**

# TURN, TURN, TURN

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- **Acts 11:18-21** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and **a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.**

# TURN, TURN, TURN

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- **Acts 14:15** And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should **turn from these vanities unto the living God**, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:
- **Acts 15:16-20** After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: **That the residue of men might seek after the Lord**, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles **are turned to God**: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.



# CONVERT

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- Conversion is produced by gospel preaching.

□ **Romans 10:17** **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

# TURN & REPENT

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- **Acts 26:17-20** Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and **to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are **sanctified by faith that is in me**. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was **not disobedient** unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and *then* to the Gentiles, **that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.**

# Repent & Convert

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- Repent and be converted (turn to God)
- **Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;



# REPENT & CONVERT

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- **Acts 2:36-38** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

# CONVICTION

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- ▣ Faith rests on convicting evidence
- ▣ **Hebrews 11:1-2 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report.**

# CONVICTION

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- A converted person relies on the Bible, *2 Peter 1:3* (*Rom. 10:17*)
- **2 Peter 1:1-3** 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:**
- **Romans 10:17-18** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.**





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**Steps to  
growing in the  
knowledge of  
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**CHARITY**  
**BROTHERLY KINDNESS**

**GODLINESS**

**PATIENCE**

**TEMPERANCE**

**KNOWLEDGE**

**VIRTUE**

**FAITH**

**2 Peter 1:4-10**

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# CONVINCED NOT CONFLICTED

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- A person is convinced, not double-minded, *Matt. 6:24*
- **Matthew 6:24** **No man can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- **Galatians 1:10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? **for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.**



# CONVINCED NOT CONFLICTED

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- **2 Timothy 4:10** For Demas hath forsaken me, **having loved this present world**, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.
- **James 1:5-8** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.**
- **James 4:7-8** **Submit** yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and he will flee from you. **Draw nigh to God**, and he will draw nigh to you. **Cleanse** your hands, ye sinners; and **purify** your hearts, ye **double minded**.

# CONFESSIONS NOT POSSESSIONS

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□ **Acts 19:18-20** And many that **believed** came, and **confessed**, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books



together, and burned them before all *men*: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

# Justin Martyr Quote

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- We who formerly delighted in fornication, now embrace chastity alone; we who formerly used magical arts, dedicate ourselves to the good and unbegotten God; we who valued above all things the acquisition of wealth and possessions, now bring what we have into a common stock, and communicate to everyone in need; we who hated and destroyed one another, and on account of their different manners would not live with men of a different tribe, now, since the coming of Christ, live familiarly with them, and pray for our enemies, and **endeavor to persuade those who hate us unjustly to live in conformity with the good precepts of Christ, to the end that they may become partakers with us of the same joyful hope of a reward from God the ruler of all.**



# CONVINCED NOT CONFLICTED

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- **Proverbs 28:13** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso **confesseth and forsaketh** *them* shall have mercy.
- **Matthew 3:6** And were baptized of him in Jordan, **confessing** their sins.
- **Romans 10:8-11** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be **saved**. For with the heart man **believeth unto righteousness**; and with the mouth **confession is made unto salvation**. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

# CONVICTED = NO EXCUSES

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- Without conviction, ***complications*** (excuses) arise from not always putting the Lord and His will first.
- **Luke 9:57-62** And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain *man* said unto him, **Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.** And Jesus said unto him, **Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.** And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, **Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.** Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.** And another also said, Lord, **I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.** And Jesus said unto him, **No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

# CONFORMED AND TRANSFORMED

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- Conform: "To assimilate a pattern, to become behaviorally or socially similar to; to fashion according to"
- **The image of the Son**
- **Romans 8:28-29** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. 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.
- **Colossians 3:8-10** 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:

# CONFORMED AND TRANSFORMED

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□ Not fashioned after the world



□ **Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.** And **be not conformed to this world:** but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



# TRANSFORMERS

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

## Cyprian of Carthage Quote

CONTINUE CONDUCT  
CONVERSION  
CONVICTION

# CONFORMED AND TRANSFORMED

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□ **James 4:4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.



□ **1 John 2:15-17** Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

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- **Acts 18:8** And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, **believed on the Lord** with all his house; and many of the Corinthians **hearing believed, and were baptized.**
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall **not** inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived:** neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such **were** some of you: **but** ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.



# CONTINUANCE

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- Endurance in the face of obstacles
- **Hebrews 12:1-2** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us**, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- **Acts 2:42** And they **continued stedfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.



# CONTINUANCE

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- **Colossians 1:23** If ye **continue in the faith grounded and settled**, and **be not moved away** from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;
- **Colossians 2:6-8** **As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. **Beware lest any man spoil you** through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
- **2 Timothy 3:14-15** But **continue thou** in the things which thou hast learned and hast been **assured of**, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; **And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

# CONTINUITY

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- Not a rocky heart without depth, and...
- Not a thorny heart filled with competing forces

□ **Mark 4:16-19** And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have **no root** in themselves, and so **endure but for a time**: afterward, when **affliction or persecution** ariseth for the word's sake, **immediately they are offended**. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, **And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.**

# CONTINUITY

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- Faithful consistency, not sporadic irregularity
- **Hebrews 6:10-12** For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that **ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence** to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be **not slothful**, but followers of them who through **faith and patience** inherit the promises.

# CONTINUITY



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- Faithful consistency, not sporadic irregularity

□ **Hebrews 10:32-36** But call to remembrance the former days, in which, **after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions;** and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. **Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.**



# NO COMPROMISE

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- Without steadfastness... ***Compromise*** results
- **Galatians 1:6-7** I marvel that ye are **so soon removed** from him that called you into the grace of Christ **unto another gospel: Which is not another**; but there be some that trouble you, and would **pervert** the gospel of Christ.
- **2 Timothy 4:3-5** For the time will come when they will **not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall **turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables**. But **watch thou in all things, endure afflictions**, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
- **2 Timothy 4:10** For Demas hath **forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed** unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

# CONVERTED CONDUCT

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- CONDUCT WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL
- By being connected to your brethren, not isolated from your brethren
- **Acts 2:44-47** And all that believed **were together, and had all things common**; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, **as every man had need**. And they, **continuing daily with one accord** in the temple, and **breaking bread from house to house**, did eat their meat **with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God**, and having favour with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

# CONVERTED CONDUCT

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□ **Philippians 1:27-29** **Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:** that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, **that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And in nothing terrified by your adversaries:** which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. **For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;**

# CONVERTED CONDUCT

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- **Romans 12:9-13** *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.*
- **Romans 12:14-18** *Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*
- **Romans 12:19-21** *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*



# CONDUCT BECOMING A SAINT

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- Without worthy conduct...***Complaining and confusion*** exists
  - **Philippians 2:14-16** **Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;** Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

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- **Acts 9:19-22** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. **And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?** But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

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- **Acts 9:1-2** And Saul, yet **breathing out threatenings and slaughter** against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, **he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.**
- **Galatians 1:13-14** For ye have heard of my conversation (conduct) in time past in the Jews' religion, how that **beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:** And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, **being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.**

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- **Acts 26:9-12** I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and **when** they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto **strange cities**. Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,



# CONVERTED TO CHRIST

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- I believe a converted person can distinguish between a converted Christian and the unconverted Christian
- **Hebrews 5:11-14** Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even **those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

# CONVERTED TO CHRIST

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- It is not what you **hear**, it is what you do that shows you are converted to the Lord
- **James 1:22-25 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only**, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, **and continueth therein**, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

# CONVERTED TO CHRIST

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- It is not what you **say**, it is what you do that shows you are converted to the Lord
- **Matthew 7:21-23** Not every one that **saith** unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

# POST-CONVERSION 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



# GROWTH RESULTS IN FRUIT



Trust in God (Faith)

Put faith into practical service – good works (Virtue)

Through practical service, we come to know Him more (Knowledge)

As we are led by His Spirit, we are reigning over the flesh - Discipline mind and body (Self Control)

Our self-control needs to endure under trials (Perseverance)

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

Our Godliness is only complete with love toward brethren (Brotherly Kindness)

Active goodwill toward others (Love)

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REPENT & BE CONVERTED



# THANK YOU!



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**HAVE A GREAT REST OF THE SABBATH!**

**GOD BLESS!**