

20-20 Spiritual Vision

II Peter 1:3-11

What?

Spiritual sight comes with God's bestowing of promises overflowing for godly growing

A foundational truth (3-4)—

God has granted to us everything we need for life and godliness, specifically His promises (3, 4)

Life in **the eternal kingdom** is how we live outwardly, **godliness is the inner character of our lives**

The promises come to us by way of power, Jesus' resurrection power in us (3)

The reality of the promises is made possible by not only knowing the truth, but knowing the Person (3)

The promises are of great value, because they guarantee eternal life; they are very great because they guarantee power that produces godliness in us (4)

God's purpose is that we **grow up to be like Jesus (4)**

Clear spiritual vision means making this **your** purpose

An exhortation (5-7)—

Excellent outward conduct expresses inner faith (5)

Knowing Scripture informs our excellent conduct (5)

Self-control practices Scriptural knowledge about sin (6)

Perseverance maintains self-control over the long haul (6)

Holding a godly perspective sustains perseverance (6)

Brotherly good deeds put inner godliness into action (7)

Love raises brotherly good deeds to a spiritual level (7)

A promise (8)—

Cooperating with the Holy Spirit to produce these qualities will **protect you from worklessness and worthlessness**

We **exercise willingness in cooperation with power in us**

Connection with Jesus (9)—

John 9:35-38, ESV—Jesus found him [and] said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him

Jesus opened the man's physical eyes, then his spiritual eyes

The Big Question—What does it mean to “make your calling and election sure?” (10)

We assure ourselves of this by **examining our lives for the evidence**, the growing qualities that make us like Jesus

So What?

Pray the Bible!!!

Let **the foundational truths** lead you in praise and thanks; use **the promises** to tell God how much you want His specific grace; use **the exhortations** as prayer requests for the specific enabling you need

The last word—Paul

Philippians 2:12-13, ESV—Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure

Then your life **won't be workless, but full of good deeds**; it **won't be worthless, but full of fruitfulness** that exalts the Lord

Now What?

Praise—praise and thank God His power in you

Worship—tell Him how precious His promises are

Prayer—pray through verses 5-7 by telling God how much you desire godliness, asking Him to guard you against the old blindness, asking Him to show you where you are lacking