

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; in *all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** II Peter 1:2-5 “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, *giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue....*”

**Quote:** My brief thoughts on these critical topics have been shared to remind each of us to obey the mandate of II Timothy 2:15. [You] “*be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*” May we each ponder them with the serious intention of growing in the grace and knowledge of God.

**A**dd to your faith knowledge, or “enlightened judgment” based upon a correct understanding of God’s Word through the enabling of His Spirit. Can you imagine claiming that you have a personal relationship with someone whose letters you rarely read, and with whom you make little effort to communicate let alone “connect” in intimate fellowship? What if that special person could know your thoughts and thereby be fully aware of your apathy towards that which he or she holds dear! Do you ever wonder what God thinks of your thoughts towards Him, His Son and His Word? *Would He say that your fear of Him is growing as you meditate upon His Word?* The fear of God is an attitude of adoration and awe by which a believer guards and guides his thoughts, words and deeds with the Word of God for the glory of God. Personal fear of God keeps pace with our own knowledge of Who He is and what He expects in essential areas like the following:

**The Scriptures**, penned by chosen men of God under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are the all-sufficient, infallible, authoritative source of saving knowledge, faith, and obedience.<sup>1</sup>

**God** is the self-existent, eternal, transcendent, everywhere-present, all-knowing, all-powerful, perfect, incomprehensible and indivisible Essence in three Persons Who is righteous in all His ways, gracious, perfect and sovereign in all His works.<sup>2</sup>

**Creation** is the work of God, the Source and Sustainer of all-that-is-not-God, Who made mankind in His image, and Who directs every detail for His glory by His infinite wisdom, righteousness and power.<sup>3</sup>

**Mankind** is born with an inherited sin nature that permeates his “deceitful and incurably sick” heart, making him estranged from God and totally dependent upon His unearned and undeserved grace for all things in this life and in the life to come.<sup>4</sup>

**Jesus** is the virgin-born Son of God through the supernatural overshadowing of Mary by the Holy Spirit whereby He became Immanuel—fully man but without inherited sin—while remaining fully God.

## Add knowledge to your faith

**Restoration** to God’s favor is by grace alone through repentant faith alone in Christ alone as individuals are enabled to trust solely and fully in Christ’s atoning work that culminated in His resurrection from the dead in victory over sin and the grave.<sup>5</sup>

**Holiness** is the responsibility of everyone adopted by God and made holy nobility and a joint-heir with Christ Who will one day take them to worship and serve the Father for eternity.<sup>6</sup>

**Growth** in the grace, knowledge and likeness of Christ and keeping oneself unspotted from the world is a mandate for all who are truly saved.<sup>7</sup>

May God enable us to continue to grow in our knowledge of and love for His Word.

<sup>1</sup> II Tim.3:16; II Peter 1:20-21 <sup>2</sup> Duet. 32:4; Psa.145:17; Exodus 3:14; Isa.46:10; Psa.33:11; Prov.21:30 <sup>3</sup> Gen.1; Col.1:16 <sup>4</sup> Genesis 8:21; Psa.51:5; Jer.17:9 <sup>5</sup> Eph.2:8-10; Rom.10:9-10; Acts 20:21 <sup>6</sup> Rom.8:15; Gal.4:6; Rev.5:10 <sup>7</sup> II Peter 3:18; Rom.12:1,2; I John 2:15-17 <sup>8</sup> I Cor.10:31-33; Matt.22:37-39