

Summer Focus - Essentials
“Rooted: Discipleship Runs Deep”
(Rooted Effort) 2 Peter 1:3-11
Sunday, August 11, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

A. Rooted Identity (v.1)

B. Rooted Relationship (v.2)

C. Rooted Calling (vv.3-4)

D. Rooted Effort (vv.5-11)

1. A Gospel-Centered Effort

a) As empowerment (Divine Power - **v.3**)

(1) Providing life

(a) Both vitality and longevity

(b) Sufficiency

(2) Providing godliness

(a) This is circumspect piety

(b) This is the gospel appropriated in all aspects of your life -- this is the aim in our discipleship, personally and corporately

b) As motivation (Divine Promises - **v.4**)

(1) This is not the content of the promises, rather what is gained through the promises

(2) Becoming like Him

(3) Escaping the world

2. A Focused Effort (**v.5a**)

a) “For this very reason...”

b) “make every effort” -- “speed”, i. e. eagerness, earnestness: — business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence, forwardness, haste

c) “supplement” -- fully supply; arrange the chorus of your life

d) “*Sorites*” - Logic in order, but not a checklist

e) In a sense, all of **vv.5-7** are virtues, or characteristics of a disciple

3. A Distinct Effort (**vv.5-7**)

a) Virtue

(1) God’s moral excellence & glory (**v.3**) is the beauty of the calling

(2) As disciples, our moral excellence is to agree that God, and his ways, are best

b) Knowledge

(1) This is *gnosis* -- information, knowing stuff

(2) Upon agreeing that God’s ways are best, we then learn what those ways are so we can follow Christ

c) Self-control

- (1) This has to do with our appetites (mainly food & sexuality)
- (2) We are to control our physical appetites, trusting God to provide all our needs (**v.3**)

d) Steadfastness

- (1) It specifically means “remaining under difficult circumstances with joy”
- (2) So, it's not temptation, we're to flee. But it is difficulty, from which we tend to run.

e) Godliness

- (1) This is our worldview. Here we begin to take the vertical (first 5) and apply it to the horizontal.
- (2) A general piety that affects all we think, do, feel, and see

f) Brotherly affection

- (1) *Phileo* - fraternal, brotherly love
- (2) This is the church kind of love

g) Love

- (1) *Agape* - this is “God loves the world” kind of love
- (2) Benevolence without expectation of any return - sacrificial; distinctly Christian

4. An Effective Effort (**vv.8-9**)

a) Fruitfulness (**v.8**)

(1) Fruitfulness is for greater intimacy (epignosis) with Christ

(2) *“Reaching others that THEY MAY FIND LASTING JOY IN HIM!”*

b) Redemption (**v.9**)

(1) Getting back to Roots (the gospel -- **vv. 1-4**)

(2) Resisting legalism, promoting grace & peace

5. A Diligent Effort (**vv.10-11**)

- a) Diligent to confirm calling & election
- b) Diligent to persevere

E. Closing

1. Discipleship

- a) Are you a disciple?
- b) Do give your greatest effort to living out your calling & election?

2. Fasting