

Ashland Church of Christ 2007
Spreading the Good News

“GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...” (MATTHEW 28:10)

I Am With You — Courage
Growing Faith ... Increasing Courage

Text: 2Peter 1:2-11

Key Text: 2Peter 1:5-7, *“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.”*

Introduction:

- 1) Hebrews 11:1.
- 2) ‘Faith’ is used in different ways in the New Testament:
 - a) It can refer to the ‘system of belief’ (Acts 6:7).
 - b) It can refer to the personal faith we have (Matthew 6:25-32).

I. Virtue.

A. Used in reference to God:

1. 1Peter 2:9, translated *praises*.
2. 2Peter 1:3.

B. Used in reference to Christians:

1. Our text.
2. Philippians 4:8.

II. **Knowledge.**

- A. 2Peter 3:18.
- B. Hebrews 10:26.
- C. 1Timothy 2:1-4.

III. **Self-control** ('temperance' – KJV).

- A. Titus 1:8.
- B. Our text.

IV. **Perseverance** ('patience' – KJV).

- A. James 1:3.
- B. Matthew 24:13 (rendered 'endures').
- C. James 1:12 ('endures').

V. **Godliness.**

- A. Acts 3:12.
- B. 1Timothy 4:7.
- C. Titus 1:1.

VI. **Brotherly kindness.**

- A. 1Peter 2:17.
- B. 1Peter 3:8.
- C. Hebrews 13:1.

VII. **Love** ('charity' – KJV).

- A. John 3:16.
- B. John 14:15.
- C. Romans 5:8.