**MAKING OUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE II**

 **2 Peter 1:4-10**

Calling and election are closely related and inseparably linked in the Scriptures. Our calling is one of grace but ***as/when*** we respond to that call, God chooses us to be His people (call to salvation Matthew 11:28-30; Isaiah 1:18) or chooses is to be His ministers (call to service Isaiah 6:6-9

When the call in grace is followed by a positive response, there is an election of grace (

Although we are enjoined to make our calling and election sure, making our calling and election sure is not automatic – There are specific paths we must take and definite things we must to do to ensure this.

**PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

2 Peter 1:5-9

God does not expect us to remain at our starting point. We are expected to patiently run the race and make our way to the finishing line (Hebrews 12:1 ; 6:1,2; 1 Peter 2:1,2; 2 Peter 3:18

It is essential that there is personal growth and development in our spiritual lives (Hebrews 6:1-4). In ***malice?*** we are to remain babes, but in understanding we are to grow up matured and be men (

Faith is the starting point in the Christian life, but we are to ADD unto faith virtue, and to ADD unto virtue knowledge and to ADD…(

This calls for growth, increase and development. We are not to remain ignorant or a novice with limited knowledge, for this can never aid us in making our calling and election sure (2 Corinthians 2:11; Hosea 4:6; Isaiah 5:13

We are to grow in grace, love, and knowledge and in every are of our lives (

The measure of our success in ministry will be in proportion to the measure of our growth and development.

**PERPUTUAL GRACE AND DISCIPLINE**

Grace and peace have already been multiplied to us through the knowledge of God (2 Peter 1: ). However we must continue in this grace in order to make our calling and election sure. We cannot be like the Galatian Christians who started in grace but wanted to be perfected by keeping the law, commenced in faith but desired to reach the summit through works and were quickened by the Spirit but desired to remain dynamic by the flesh (Grace v. Law, Faith v. Works, Spirit v. Flesh) (

We should start in grace, continue in grace, be established in grace and end in grace. Grace should be our companion at every step of the Christian life and ministerial journey (

Grace originates from God but we me must give diligence to make our calling and election sure. This calls for disciplines. God will supply grace but we must supply discipline, for our relationship with God is a divine-human partnership.

Grace without discipline will lead to careless living, taking God and His grace for granted – this is the “Solomon and Samson” kind of living (Romans 6:1,2

Discipline without grace will lead to painful, ascetic morality trying to fulfill God’s demands and mandates on the back of human efforts and natural resources. This will be a very futile undertaking.

Making our calling and election sure call for perpetual grace and disciplines – discipline to pray, read and study the Bible, do our quiet time, etc.

**PATH TO GLORY, GREATNESS AND DOMINION**

The apostle has already enumerated what needs to be added to our faith for victorious living – virtue, knowledge, temperance (self-control), patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity (2 Peter 1:5-8).

We must only ensure that these things are present in our lives otherwise we can never be faithful (2 Peter 1:

We must ensure that they ***ABOUND*** for this is the path to glory, greatness dominion. “For if these things be in you, and ***ABOUND***…for if ye do these things, ***YE SHALL NEVER FAIL***” (2 Peter 1:8,10).