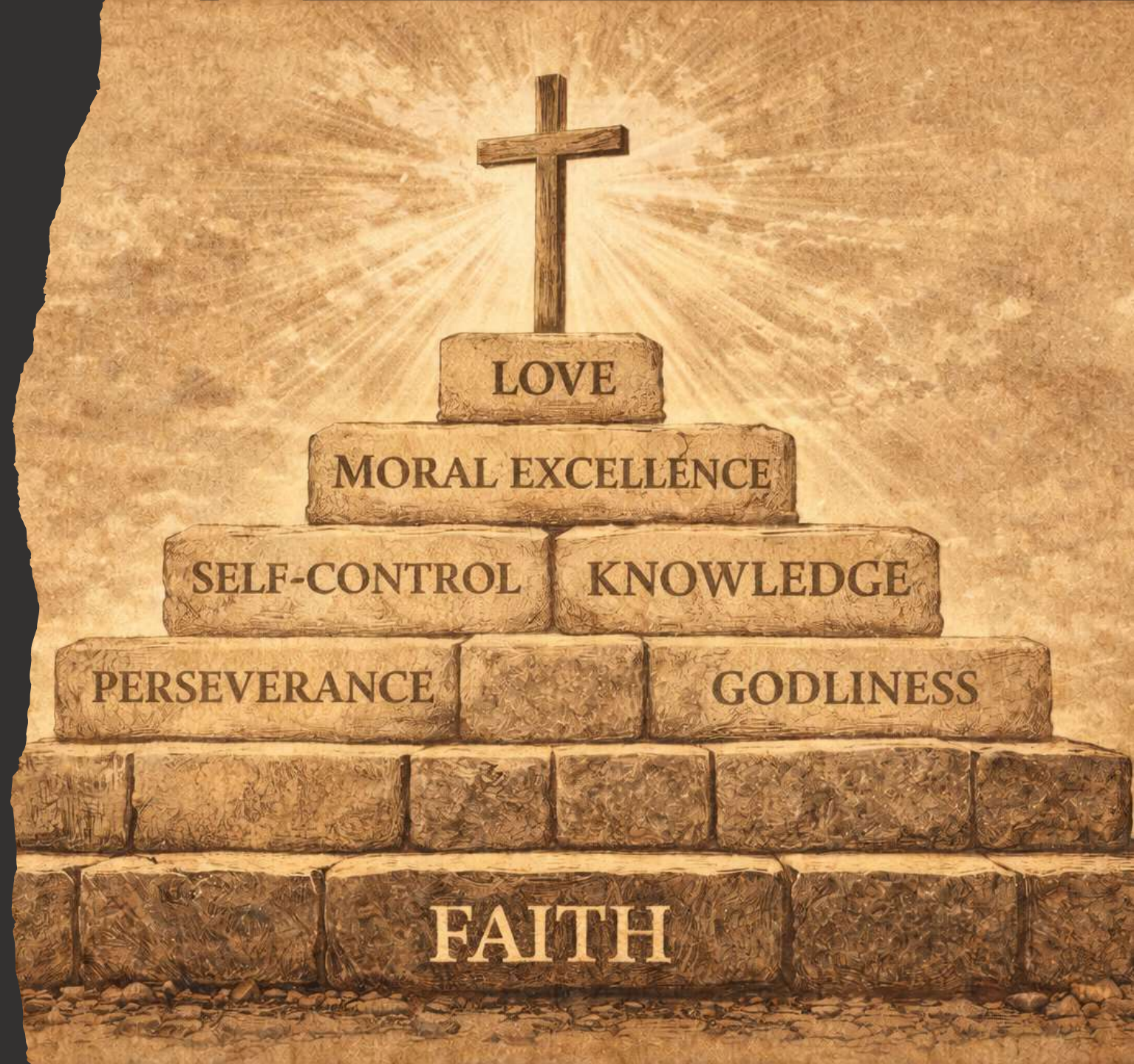


BUILT ON FAITH

Growing in Grace and Godliness

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these things are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. '

- *2 Peter 1:4-8*



Introduction: Faith is the Beginning

What should a life **built** on genuine **faith** actually look like?

Is it **growing, active, and fruitful**?

1. Faith is the Foundation of the Christian Life

A. Everything Begins with Faith

“Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence in your **faith...**”

We are saved by **faith** alone, but a ‘saving faith’ or the beginning of salvation, is never meant to remain unfinished....it **requires effort**

1. Faith is the Foundation of the Christian Life

B. Required Effort

“applying all **diligence**...”

Biblical **sanctification** is the gracious work of God by which He sets believers apart for Himself, progressively makes them holy in daily life, and will ultimately perfect them in Christ.

2. Faith must Be Actively Supplemented with Christlike Virtues

A. Growth Is Intentional and **Progressive**

“In your faith **supply (supplement your faith with) moral excellence**, and in your moral excellence, **knowledge**, and in your knowledge, **self-control**, and in your self-control, **perseverance**, and in your perseverance, **godliness**, and in your godliness, **brotherly kindness**, and in your brotherly kindness, **love.**”

Sanctification: Takes time, Requires intentionality, Is meant to be visible

2. Faith must Actively Supplemented with Christlike Virtues

B. A Walk Through the Virtues

Faith



- Moral Excellence** – choosing what reflects God’s character
- Knowledge** – growing in truth, not just experience
- Self-Control** – submitting desires to Christ
- Perseverance** – faithfulness under pressure
- Godliness** – a life oriented toward reverence for God
- Brotherly Kindness** – sincere care within the body of Christ
- Love** – sacrificial, Christlike love toward all

2. Faith must Actively Supplemented with Christlike Virtues

C. Faith **Produces** Growth, Not Stagnation

Stagnant Faith  Growing Faith

Growing Faith – Deepens Trust, Humility and Love

Part 3 – Growing Faith Leads to Fruitful and Effective Lives

A. The Emphasis Is on “**Increasing**”

“For if these qualities are yours and are **increasing**, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Growth may be; **slow, uneven, sometimes painful**...But it is real, and a believer who is growing is the **evidence** that God is at work.

Part 3 – Growing Faith Leads to Fruitful and Effective Lives

B. Fruitfulness **Confirms** a Growing Faith

When our **faith** grows:

- **Christ** is more clearly seen in us
- The **Church** is strengthened
- The **Gospel** is adorned

Sanctification is not about earning God's love—it is about **displaying it**.

Conclusion: **Building** Upon It.

When you grow as Christians:

- You **Know** Christ more deeply
- You **Walk** with greater confidence
- You **Live** with a clearer purpose

Faith that grows leads to a life that matters for God's glory:

- Do not despise small steps of **obedience**.
- Do not confuse struggle with **failure**.
- Do not stop growing where **God is still working**.

Conclusion: **Building** Upon It.

If these qualities are yours—and increasing—you are exactly where God intends you to be: growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ..