

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for July 16-17, 2005**

**"Our Practice of Righteousness"**

**2 Peter 1:5-11**

**1. Sanctification requires effort (1:5-7)**

a. The purpose of sanctification

The purpose of sanctification is to become like Christ.

b. The pursuit of sanctification

The pursuit of sanctification requires a maximum effort.

God's power grants us all things to live a godly life (2 Peter 1:3).

God's grace grants us the power to choose a godly life.

c. The progression of sanctification

Sanctification starts with faith and ends with love.

- Our faith brings goodness
- Goodness seeks knowledge
- The application of knowledge is self-control
- The fruit of self-control is perseverance
- Through perseverance we become godly
- Godly people feel fondly toward believers
- This produces true love

The progression of sanctification is cyclical.

**2. Sanctification results in effectiveness (1:8-9)**

a. The maturing are fruitful

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Those who are maturing possess sanctification and progress in their sanctification.

b. The myopic are forgetful

Those who are not maturing will lose the sanctification they once possessed.

### **3. Sanctification rewards in eternity (1:10-11)**

a. Spiritual growth brings present assurance

If we are a Christian, our election is sure. What is in question is how sure we are of our election.

Those who are not maturing will lose the assurance of salvation they once possessed.

Those who are maturing protect themselves from stumbling.

b. Spiritual growth brings eternal acceptance

- Our future is entrance into an eternal realm
- Our future is enjoying an abundant reward

An earthly life of practicing righteousness will reap an eternal life of perpetual righteousness.