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When we struggle, we tend to think that something is wrong with us. Almost as though we are defective. We can feel that we are missing something. We look at some other people and think that they are super-Christians, and we see ourselves as mere mortals. We think that we are incapable of anything noticeable for the Lord.

Our text assures us that we received everything we need to live a positive Christian life at salvation. All things that pertain to life and godliness. New Christians are likened to babies. Babies need to grow and develop; everything is there it just needs time for development. The same is true for Christians. We must grow spiritually or else we will be stilted in our Christian life.

Here we are told what we need for growth and how it will help us. All that we will go through is not necessarily easy or fun. But it is what we need for good development and growth. The Lord knows what is best for us.

1. What were we given v.3-4

a. We are sinners by nature

i. Alienated from God

1. Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Eph 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

ii. Under the wrath of God

1. Jn 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

b. We received a godly nature

i. Old nature still there

ii. Spirit of God living within us

iii. Power to live as we should

2. What we need to add v.5-7

a. How to add – with all diligence

- i. Eagerness
- ii. Earnestness
- iii. Effort

b. What to add

- i. Virtue = moral excellence
- ii. Knowledge – academic facts
- iii. Temperance = self-control
- iv. Patience = enduring, constancy
- v. Godliness – God like
- vi. Brotherly kindness – love for the brethren
- vii. Charity = godly love
- viii.

3. What does happen v.8-9

a. Positive

i. Growth

- 1. Development
- 2. Discernment

ii. Gain

1. Demonstrate

- a. We have a godly life

2. Delight

- a. We are satisfied in the Lord

b. Negative

- i. As though we are not saved