

# HOW TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE A USEFUL AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

A New Year's Reminder

2 Peter 1:5-7

- I. REMEMBER AND BELIEVE THAT **WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED ALREADY** through the true knowledge of Him by His Word (5a, 2-4)
  
- II. OBEY THE LORD, UNDERSTANDING HOW WHAT HE HAS FULLY SUPPLIED IS TO BE WORKED OUT IN OUR LIVES: Diligently work out (obey) by faith these things (5-7)
  - A. We are thus **COMMANDED TO**, in our faith, **DILIGENTLY SUPPLY THESE THINGS** in our lives (5a)
  
  - B. **WHAT THINGS** are we **TO ADD** and **BE INCREASING IN?** (Note their order and interdependence) **(5b-7)**
    - 1. Moral Excellence (5b)
  
    - 2. Knowledge (5b)
  
    - 3. Self-control (6a)
  
    - 4. Perseverance (6b)
  
    - 5. Godliness (6b)
  
    - 6. Brotherly Kindness (7a)
  
    - 7. Love (7b)