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**LADIES' PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: Today, 10:15am @ Annexe, L3**

All ladies are welcome to join us for a time of praise and thanksgiving followed by a fellowship lunch.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY: Thursday, 11 Dec, in Church (For registered participants only)**

**Activity:** Excursion to Chinese & Japanese Gardens

**Coordinator:** Senior Citizens' Committee

For those who have registered for the excursion, the Committee will contact you directly with more details.

For enquires, please contact Janie @ 97705236.

**YEAR-END CELEBRATION: Wednesday, 31 Dec, 6:30pm - 9:30pm, in Church**

Let's come together to give glory to God in worship. We'll also enjoy a time of fellowship over food and games. To help us plan catering and activities, please register at: <https://links.bethesdakatong.org/YEC2025>.



**SUNDAY PRAYER WITH ELDERS**

Two elders will be available after the morning service to pray with anyone who seeks personal prayer support. This morning, Elders Khoo Teng Cheong and Richard Tio will be present to spend time with you in private prayers.



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(2 Corinthians 9:7b)

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## **Growing Sure and Steadfast in Christ**

Have you ever felt the pressure of a confusing, hostile world where false teaching abounds? 2 Peter 1:1–11 may be what we need to hear to remind us of what God has already given us while also encouraging us to respond with diligence so that our lives truly reflect Christ.

The Apostle Peter begins with a stunning affirmation: God has given us “everything we need for a godly life” (v3). Not some things, not most things—everything! Through knowing Christ, believers have received a new identity, a new power and new promises. We are no longer left to struggle in our own strength. The same God who called us is the God who equips us. Whenever we feel spiritually inadequate, remember that adequacy is not something we muster; it is something we receive.

Peter, however, does not stop with the message of comfort. He also challenges us. He moves from what God has given us to what we must now do: “make every effort” (v5). Our Christian life is not to be passive drifting but purposeful growing. Peter lists a chain of virtues that describe a life growing increasingly to be like Jesus: faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love (v5-7). These qualities do not appear overnight, but require diligence on our part as we continue to depend on God.

This list is more than a moral checklist; it is a portrait of Christ. As these virtues take shape in us, we become “effective and productive” in our knowledge of him (v8). As we grow, we become more useful. Peter wants believers to avoid a stagnant, barren faith and instead experience the joy of spiritual fruitfulness. Do you feel spiritually “stuck”? Perhaps you need to return to this list prayerfully and ask the Lord where he desires to grow you next.

Peter goes on to speak frankly about the danger of forgetting: “whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins” (v9). Forgetfulness is not merely a memory problem; it is a spiritual problem. When we lose sight of the gospel—Christ’s costly forgiveness and our new identity—we begin to shrink back into old patterns, old fears and old temptations. But when we remember the gospel, it fuels our growth and guards our steps.

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### 1. TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for Dr Tan Kim Huat (Trinity Theological College) who gives us today's ministry message **"Confirming One's Calling and Election" (2 Peter 1:1-11)**. Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

### 2. STRENGTHENED TO GROW

Dear Lord,

By your divine power, grant us everything we need for life and godliness. Help us add to our faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. Keep us effective and steadfast, that we may live fruitful lives in Christ and never forget his saving grace. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### 3. SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

Pray the following for our Senior Citizens' Ministry:

- \* Thank the Lord for loving and caring family members, dedicated care-givers, friends, guardian angels, and good medical facilities in Singapore that look after the needs and well-being of the seniors.
- \* Pray for the Lord's joy, purpose and protection as the seniors embrace an active aging lifestyle and stay connected to the body of Christ, family and their respective communities.

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Peter then urges believers to "make every effort to confirm your calling and election" (v10). This is not about us earning our salvation; it is about living in a way that confirms its reality. A life shaped by Christlike virtues brings assurance and stability—"you will never stumble" (v10). Awaiting us at the end of this faithful journey is a warm and glorious welcome into Christ's eternal kingdom.

Dear brothers and sisters, God has given us everything we need for a godly life and we must make every effort to grow. Rest deeply in his provision; work diligently in his strength. May our lives increasingly reflect the beauty of Jesus.

## THEME: GROWING IN THE KINGDOM

Confirming One's Calling and Election (2 Peter 1:1-11)  
Dr Tan Kim Huat (Trinity Theological College)

### Sermon Notes

#### VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

##### 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

#### Next Week's Sermon

##### Lest We Forget (2 Peter 1:12-21)

Deacon Burton Chia