# TITLE: Making Salvation Sure Pt. III

TEXT:
II Pt. 1:3-11 (3:17,18)

- I. The Christian Life Begins with Faith (v. 1-4)
- II. Faith Results in Spiritual Growth. (v. 5-7)
- III. Spiritual Growth Brings Practical Results. (8-11)

- I. The Christian Life Begins with Faith.
- 1. This Faith is in a Person. (v.1,2)
- 2. This Faith involves God's Power. (v. 3)

"A Transforming Power..."

An Enabling Power..."

Jn. 1:11,12 Gal. 2:16

Rom. 1:16 II Cor. 5:17

## 3. This Faith Involves God's Promises. (v. 4)

- A. They are Great & Precious.
- B. They enable us to Participate & Escape.

Jn. 3:16 Mt. 11:28-30

Jn. 14:1-3

- II. <u>Faith Results in Spiritual</u> <u>Growth</u>. v. 5-7
- 1. Because of all God has Done & Given....
- 2. The new Birth doesn't Cancel Out Human Effort....
- The Partnership & Participation of God's Grace & the Believer's Effort. I Cor. 15:10, Phil. 2:12,13

#### Make Every Effort to Add.....

1. <u>Goodness</u> – <u>Virtue or Moral</u> <u>Excellence</u>

Moral Courage & Consistency Regardless of Culture, Setting or Circumstance.

Gen. 39:1-23 II Cor. 5:9

Phil. 4:8 Mt. 11:7-11

- 2. Knowledge Ability to Apply
- 3. <u>Self-Control</u> Self-Discipline

Overcome (We can live this life...)

Rom. 8:13 Acts 24:24,25

Gal. 5:23

4. <u>Perseverance</u> – The Ability to endure when circumstances are difficult.

Heb. 10:36 Rom. 12:12

Rom. 5:3 Jam. 1:2-4

Mk. 13:13 Lk. 8:15

# 5. <u>Godliness</u> "Godly, Pious, Devout"

A Very practical awareness of God in every aspect of life.

Titus 2:12,13 II Pet. 3:11

## 6. <u>Brotherly Kindness</u> (Philadelphia)

The warmth and affection that should characterize the fellowship of believers.

Rom. 12:10 | I Pet. 1:22

I Pet. 3:8 Jn. 13:34,35

Jn. 15:12 Rom. 12:4,5

### 7. Love (Agape)

A. The sacrificial, selfless love of the will. This love flows from God who is Himself love.

**B. Note 4 Things** 

I Jn. 4:8 Rom. 5:5-10

I Cor. 13:13 Mk. 12:29-31