### WHERE ARE YOU?

### AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

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- Are you in Christ?
  - Galatians 3:26-27
  - Ephesians 1:7
  - Ephesians 2:12
- If you have been baptized into Christ, have you remained dead to the world, or are you back in the world?
  - Galatians 2:20
  - Galatians 4:9

- "Giving all diligence"; "applying all diligence"
  - Things for us to supply; bring in by the side of with increased exertion
  - With strong effort and haste
- "Add"
  - Generous and costly cooperation
- Won't "just happen"

- Faith, the starting point
  - Foundation
    - Hebrews 11:6
  - Working
    - 2 Corinthians 5:7
    - James 2:22
  - Alive and growing
    - 2 Thessalonians 1:3

- Are you adding to your faith <u>virtue</u>?
  - Moral excellence; moral courage; moral backbone
  - Lacking: John 12:42
  - Demonstrated: Acts 4:19-20; 5:29; Daniel 3:16-18; Esther 4:16
  - I Corinthians 16:13

- Are you adding to your virtue <u>knowledge</u>?
  - Moral excellence needs continued training according to knowledge
    - Romans 10:3
  - Lacking: Hosea 4:6; Hebrews 5:12, 6:1-2; Romans 10:3
  - Demonstrated: Acts 2:42, 17:11
  - I Peter 2:2
  - **2** Timothy 2:15
  - Ephesians 5:17

- Are you adding to your knowledge <u>self-control</u>?
  - Temperance; mastering our own desires, passions, affections, tempers
  - "Holding self in"
  - Knowing not enough; must be disciplined in mind and body to apply what is learned
  - Lacking: leading to sin; James 1:14
  - Demonstrated: Daniel I:8; Matthew 4:2ff
  - Colossians 3:5
  - I Corinthians 9:25-27

- Are you adding to your self-control <u>perseverance</u>?
  - Endurance, fortitude, steadfastness
  - Unmoved from purpose and faith even by the most difficult trials and suffering
  - Lacking: Luke 8:13; Matthew 24:12; Galatians 5:7
  - Demonstrated: James 5:10-11
  - Luke 8:15
  - James 1:3-4
  - Hebrews 6:11-12; 12:1-2

- Are you adding to your perseverance godliness?
  - Spirit of reverence, piety, respect, holy fear of God demonstrated in the way we live
  - Awareness of living in the presence of God
  - Godward attitude wanting to please God and do all in the name of the Lord Jesus
  - Lacking: 2 Timothy 3:5
  - Demonstrated: Genesis 39:9; Ezra 7:10
  - Colossians 1:9-12
  - I Timothy 4:7-9

- Are you adding to your godliness brotherly kindness?
  - Brotherly love; kindly affectioned toward brethren
  - Shown in word and in deed
  - Lacking: Luke 10:25-37
  - Demonstrated: 2 Timothy 1:16-17
  - I Peter I:22
  - Galatians 6:2, I0

- Are you adding to your brotherly kindness <u>love</u>?
  - Goodwill, selfless interest in the welfare and benefit of the one to whom it is shown
  - Expressed in action that is designed to benefit the other
  - Origin is in the agent, not the object independent of whether the object is considered lovable (e.g. Matthew 5:44-48)
  - Lacking: | Corinthians 5:2, 6:7, 8:11-12
  - Demonstrated: John 3:16, 15:13
  - Romans 13:10
  - I John 3:17-18
  - John 14:15, 23

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- "If these things are yours and abound"
- "Giving all diligence"; "be even more diligent"
- Need vision, not "blindness"
  - Not shortsighted
  - Not forgetful about what we've received in Christ

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- You and I need to know where we are
- You and I need to know where we are going
  - Otherwise, how can you know where you will end up?
  - Otherwise, how can you know if you are getting there?
  - Lest you end up somewhere you don't want to be
- If you don't know where you are and where you are going, you will wander and will not get where you should be going
  - Deuteronomy 1:3-4
  - Matthew 7:13-14