

Authentic Christianity

2 Peter 1:5-11

By the time Peter wrote his second letter to the Christians of Asia Minor, they had been under the influence of false teachers who condoned moral and theological compromise. Peter addressed their heresy by providing a broad overview of authentic Christianity.

A. The *Sequence* of Authentic Christianity

– 2 Peter 1:5-7

- “Faith” – SALVATION
- “Virtue” – SEPARATION
- “Knowledge” – SURRENDER
- “Temperance” – SPIRIT-CONTROL
- “Patience” & “Godliness” – SUFFERING
- “Brotherly Kindness” – SENSITIVITY
- “Charity” (“love”) – SPIRITUALITY

B. The *Confidence* of Authentic Christianity

– 2 Peter 1:8

- 1) **Evident Change** – *the divine conversion of a person’s life from darkness to light*
- 2) **Evident Fruity** – *the divine cultivation in a person’s life from death to life*

C. The *Consequences* of a Synthetic Christianity

– 2 Peter 1:9

- 1) **Spiritual Astigmatism** (blindness) – *the lack of discernment into sound belief*
- 2) **Spiritual Amnesia** (forgetfulness) – *the lack of determination in sound behavior*

D. The *Diligence* of Authentic Christianity

– 2 Peter 1:10-11

- 1) **Assured Persistence** – *the daily response to the election of God’s calling*
- 2) **Assured Perseverance** – *the daily resolve toward the entrance into God’s kingdom*



Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God – Romans 10:17