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What hope inspiring courage to keep going with effort toward vv. 5-7 virtues do we find in verse 8?

- The true knowledge of Jesus Christ
- That same place where knowledge of Christ seems fruitless also contains roots for fruitful living
- Encouragement that can have while we don't have
- There is a picture of journey/process in which we still impact for Christ while He is working
- Instead of our eyes wandering for hope in face of failure, find hope that God wants to work these things in my life & ask Him to do His desire

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but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes **unfruitful**.

Mark 4:19

“Therefore **bear fruit in keeping with repentance**; 9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. 10 “The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; **therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**

Matthew 3:8–10

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At the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention. 1 Timothy 5:13

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Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

Titus 3:14

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Galatians 6:1

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so that He might sanctify her, **having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,**

Ephesians 5:26

and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; **12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. **13** When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

Colossians 2:11-13

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for it is on **this day that atonement shall be made for you** to cleanse you; **you will be clean from all your sins before the LORD.**

Leviticus 16:30

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalms 51:2

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‘Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

Revelation 3:17

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I.e. How do YOU handle sin?

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“Too many Christians are content simply with being Christians, happy simply to know they won't go to hell. But the true Christian never rests content with such a minimal (albeit important!) level of Christian experience.”

Douglas Moo

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- Willingness to see where we are not right – teachableness to be shown over long period of time
- Acknowledge sin with constant focus on the work of the cross
- Gospel should make us secure enough to desire to be exposed
- Recognize gift of eye of the group/God
- Free from being crippled
- Confident that God is working good through imperfect people
- Secure in riches of God's kindness to us as deal with sin
- David – acquit me of hidden faults – welcomed Lord's provision

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For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, **and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself,** 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1-3

And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **Hebrews 1:3**

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What does calling/choosing imply? Where does focusing on calling and choosing lead you to focus?

- Ahead, moving
- He wants you
- Focus on One choosing you
- Resulting emotions: gratitude, security, humility
- Not random, there's a plan

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But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

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**just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love**

Ephesians 1:4

**yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death,
in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond
reproach—**

Colossians 1:22

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- Rom 4:18-20 – lifting up the promises of God
- By periodic spiritual check-ups that looks for which of these is missing because healthy growth will have these flowing from + building on each other
- Look for evidence that the change/work done is result of look beyond ourselves and immediate results (faithful and joyful service)
- First direction we head when trying to grow in these shows source i.e. prayer – dependence – shows where help comes from and who we are seeking to please
- Looking to grow in humility – are you praying for this
- Proverbs 2:4 fervor, zeal, work—that life FILLED with this characteristic in looking for God's kingdom purposes throughout our day—preparation in this vein

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