

Outline and Notes

The Secret to Success for the Saved

II Peter 1:8-14

INTRODUCTION: Before we look at “these things,” found in verses 6 and 7, we need to see verses 8 to 14, which show the tremendous importance of those qualities. How unwise to place a low value, then, on things of such great worth!!

First, having these qualities brings the

I. PROMISE of FRUITFULNESS, v. 8

A. First, they need to be IN us _____

B. They need to also ABOUND _____

C. We’re promised freedom from two things if they are (in us and abounding):

1. _____

2. _____

But then, the absence of these qualities is the

II. PATHWAY to FUTILITY, v. 9

A. It’s like a POOR CHOICE _____

B. It’s a matter of VISION _____

“short-sighted” _____

“blind” _____

The TRUTH is THERE, they just don’t SEE it!

C. But Peter makes a strong theological point here _____

Freedom from barrenness and unfruitfulness are the heritage of the child of God!

Finally, this leaves but one conclusion:

III. PURSUE these FAITHFULLY, vv. 10-ff.

A. What about this “making our calling and election sure”?

B. It’s about ABOUNDING _____

C. It’s about being DILIGENT _____

CONCLUSION: The promise is short and sweet, “You will never stumble.” Although it’s short and sweet, it’s still part of an EXTENDED PROMISE contained in these verses. So, come on a journey with me, as we discover what “these things” are, and how to have them IN us, and SUPER-ABOUNDING!