

# DILIGENCE 3

## *All the More Diligent*

### 2 “Therefore”

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- Always ask: What is the therefore there for?
- Definition of therefore
  - as a result of, consequently, in consequence of that
  - a transitional word that logically connects what preceded with what follows

#### First “Therefore”

*[10] Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. [11] For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

#### Logical Connection

- What Peter says in verses 3-9 logically connects with what he says in verse 10 and 11

Review – let’s review verses 3-9 so we can understand what the therefore is there for

- V. 3-4, The foundation of Christian living is grace; the unmerited favour of God as seen in what God has done in the work of Christ.
- V. 5-7, With this grace as a foundation we should live a life of progressive Christlikeness.
- V. 8-9, Living progressively godly lives results in fruitful and effectual Christian lives.

Therefore

The foundation of your life is grace from which you ought to pursue a life of progressive Christlikeness, thereby ensuring your faithfulness and fruitfulness. In light of, as a consequence of, as a result of, **THEREFORE you ought to make a constant and earnest effort to live a godly life thus confirming your faith and your future.**

What is the therefore there for? To convince and encourage the readers to pursue a progressively godly life thereby confirming their faith and their future.

#### Tension

- If there isn’t a tension, you’re doing it wrong.
- DO YOU IGNORE GRACE AND MAKE IT ALL ABOUT WHAT YOU DO?
- DO YOU DISMISS YOUR EFFORT AND SIN AWAY BECAUSE GOD IS GRACIOUS?
- YOU MUST STAY IN THAT PLACE OF TENSION!!!

**Second “Therefore” – another aspect of diligence**

*[12] Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. [13] I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, [14] since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. [15] And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.*

**Logical Connection****1) The therefore shows us that Peter diligently keeps the gospel foundational – we should do likewise.**

- Peter reminds us, and will continue to remind us, of “the truth that you have,” the prominence of grace, seen in the Gospel, in our daily lives as Christians
- Tim Keller: The Gospel takes a lifetime to appreciate, and an eternity to enjoy.
- We must intentionally keep the Gospel as the main thing if we want to “confirm our faith” and “never fall” and “gain entrance into the eternal kingdom”
- Let’s keep the Gospel front and center

**2) The therefore emphasizes that Peter diligently admonishes us to diligently build a life of moral progress based on grace and supplemented by effort.**

- Peter intends to always remind us, even as he prepares for death, that we are saved by grace alone, but that this salvation is never alone...works always follow our salvation and we are to be diligent in living out this salvation
- And we do this with the Gospel of grace as our foundation and motivation for effort in our progressive lives of Christlikeness
- Let’s make a constant and earnest effort (be diligent) to live a godly life

**3) The therefore demonstrates that Peter diligently desires us to be mindful Christians.**

- Peter “makes every effort”, so that even after he is gone, we will be diligent to remember his focus on grace that leads to a diligent pursuit of a godly life.
- Peter intends to “remind you of these qualities” and he “think[s] it right” to “stir you up by way of reminder” that “you may be able at any time to recall these things.” Remind. Think. Reminder. Recall.
- Be diligent in your pursuit of a mindful walk!