

Sermon Notes – August 27, 2023

Useless (*2 Peter 1:8-11*)

- I. Uselessness results in due diligence being ignored. (*5*) (*Vss. 8,9*)
 - A. Evidence of conversion fades.
 - B. The grace of God means little.
 - 1. His benefits are forgotten. (*Psalms 103:1-5*)
 - 2. Forgiveness of sins means little. (*Ephesians 1*) (*Vs. 9*)

- II. Unfruitfulness results in the lack of cultivation of works. (*Vs. 10*)
 - A. God's grace should lead to intense effort. (*Psalms 1*)
 - 1. Salvation with works; not by works. (*James*)
 - 2. Growth from milk to meat. (*Hebrews 5:7-14*)
 - B. The practice of holiness guards against apostasy. (*Vs. 10*)
 - 1. "Objective obedience is the foundation for subjective assurance."
 - 2. Elective calling is concretely shown through continuous abiding.
 - a. Abiding in Christ. (*John 15*)
 - b. The Parable of the Sower. (*Luke 8:11-15*)
 - C. The righteousness of Christ is our confidence for entrance into Heaven.
 - 1. Confession of Christ, forsaking sin. (*Romans 6, 10:9,10*)
 - 2. Dependence upon Christ, forsaking pride. (*Jude 12-16*)