Confirming Our Calling / Macro Stages of Growth for Christians / Maturity Defined (yours and increasing) 1 Peter 1:3-15 / Peter Was Adamant About This! God Does This to Believers / Are We Cooperating with Him? Love / loving with a divine love The Body of Christ / The Church We will learn to "consider others better than self" Loving God and Others and humble ourselves / give of self for others. Deep, Selfless When we do, we will develop a strong and **Brotherly Affection /** a powerful love powerful love for others. We will develop family type relationship for others in the Body. Not Selective... The Word of God Over time God tells us that our attitudes Godliness / a change of character and actions will change and we will begin to look like Him! The Holy Spirit Not Rule Keeping. Have you lived your Christian life over Steadfastness / stability through time Be Equipped time, working through this process? Success and failure. Do you take time to apply scripture? / noticing that Self-Control / telling self "no" your flesh needs to be put aside / tell self NO! Equip Yourself & Are you seeking the Word and delving into it? / Knowledge / knowing truth the more you do the more you will grow! KNOW GOD! Have you looked at yourself and hated your sin **Virtue** / a desire to be better and desire to be more, not vainly / for God? Virtue = a desire / Godliness = actuality **Faith /** the starting point / grace through faith Do you believe in Jesus? Have You Trusted In Him for Salvation? Saved / Part of Church / Holy Spirit Indwells / Can Understand The Word