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[philadelphia]

Love *[agape]*

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2 Peter 1:1-2

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained a faith
of equal standing with ours
by the righteousness of our God
and Savior Jesus Christ:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:3-4

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that pertain to life and godliness,
through the knowledge of him who called us
to his own glory *[doxa]* and excellence *[arete]*,
by which he has granted to us
his precious and very great promises,
so that through them you may become
partakers *[koinonoi]* of the divine nature,
having escaped from the corruption
that is in the world because of sinful desire.

John 17:3

And this is eternal life,
that they know you the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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2 Peter 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort
to supplement your faith with virtue *[arete]*,
and virtue with knowledge,
and knowledge with self-control,
and self-control with steadfastness,
and steadfastness with godliness,
and godliness with brotherly affection,
and brotherly affection *[philadelphia]*
with love *[agape]*.

2 Peter 1:8-9

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing,
they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful
in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For whoever lacks these qualities
is so nearsighted that he is blind,
having forgotten that he was cleansed
from his former sins.

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent
to make your calling and election sure,
for if you practice these qualities
you will never fall.

For in this way there will be richly provided for you
an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

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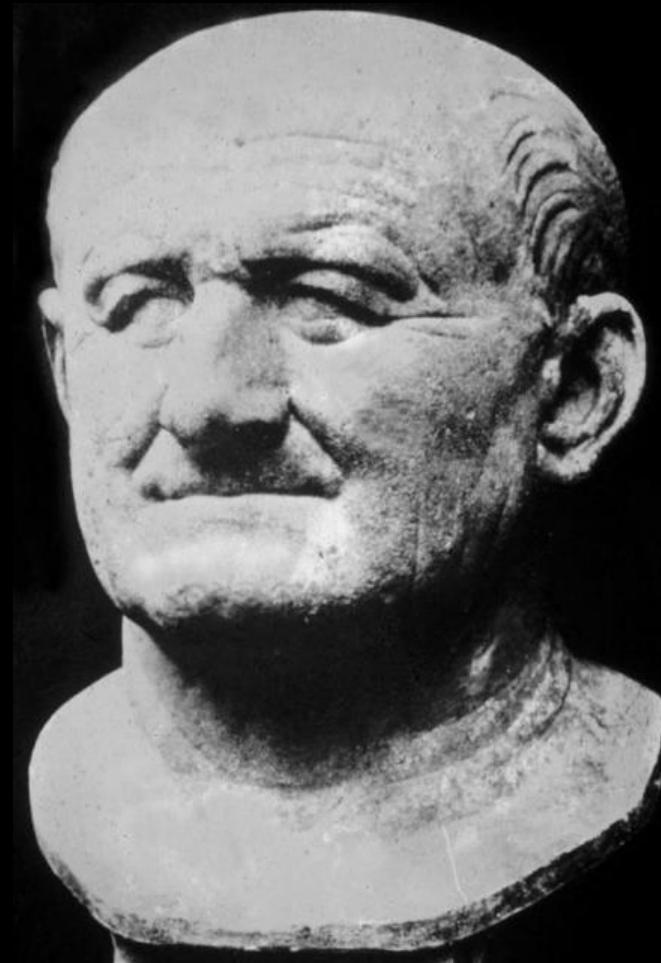
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

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Arete = excellence, virtue







Arete = excellence
Aristos = the best

thus:
Aristo + *cracy* =
the best rule!

Aristo + *telos* =
the best goal
(Aristotle)

Isaiah 42:8, 12

I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory [*kavod, doxa*] I give to no other,
nor my praise [*tehillah, arete*] to carved idols...

Let them give glory [*kavod, doxa*] to the LORD,
and declare his praise [*tehillah, arete*]
in the coastlands.

A Heavy Heart...?



Isaiah 25:7-8

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever.

And the Lord GOD will wipe away
tears from all faces.

And the reproach of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

Revelation 21:4

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning
nor crying nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.”

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

When the perishable puts on the imperishable,
and the mortal puts on immortality,
then shall come to pass the saying that is written:
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”
“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me,
all you weary and heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

“For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.”

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Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to the purpose
of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will,
so that we who were the first to hope in Christ
might be to the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him,
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
who is the guarantee of our inheritance
until we acquire possession of it,
to the praise of his glory.

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Man's chief end is to glorify God
and to enjoy him forever.





Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

~Romans 12:2

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable –
if anything is excellent *[arete]*
or praiseworthy –
think about such things.