

Peter's First Epistle

II-PETER

CHAPTER 1:1-4

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"FAITH THAT GIVES LIFE"

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

2-Peter 1:3

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 1:1-4

The Christian Life is Conceived in Faith

Hebrews 11:6

But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:1

faith is the substance of things hoped for, it's the evidence of things not seen.

The Bible Teaches
that we need to be Spiritually born by Faith

John 3:5

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water (this physical world) and the Spirit, (new birth) he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

The Physical Act is Obvious to the eye
(Yet the miracle that takes place is invisible, out of sight)

In The Spiritual Act same is true

(The miracle that takes place is invisible, out of sight)

Both will eventually produce outward Proof

John 3:3,7

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... 7 "Do not marvel (don't look so surprised) that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

AN INVISIBLE WORK, WAR, & VICTORY

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The United States Military has been in recent years, engineering and testing what has been called "Wonder Weapons" they're using sound waves to knock buildings over. Light to disable enemy radar systems. Their calling it "Bioeffects". That is using what is available nature to create a weapons system that is safe and gentle to the world around it. - even the enemy in most cases is to survive.

Invisible Powers at Work

The Theme of First Peter was *The Grace of God*

You see. In 1-Peter,
the apostle directed toward God's grace

That life can barely be lived without God's grace surrounding us
That the world view and system will be against God's will
That suffering, in this life, is a victory for the Christian

Peter Has Taught Us About "Grace"

1 Peter 5:12

I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is
the true grace of God in which you stand.

That Wonderful, 5 letter word in the Greek,

* **Grace GRK 5485 charis (khar'-ece)**

to be the recipient of specially divine influence upon the heart,
to be fully acceptable, greatly benefited, - Highly favored

Now That Grace has been established in their Hearts

Peter writes to them **again and to the gentile believers that have been added to the churches**. (Some 2 years have passed since 1-Peter) because Christian suffering was increasing throughout the Roman Empire.

The Theme of Second Peter is *the Knowledge of God*

It's funny how "knowledge" always seems to come later in life

!!!Sadly, for some too Late!!!

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING WORSE THAN SEEING A CHRISTIAN
who knows nothing about the nature of God... What his bible has to say, or understanding the times in
which he lives

PETER MUST HAVE FELT THE SAME WAY BECAUSE...

The Theme is:

Having Spiritual Knowledge

The Key Verse:

2 Peter 1:3

and as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us!

The Bible says that we are to;

grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I. EXPLANATION: - Chapter 1 The Knowledge of Christ

- a.) The Gift of Knowledge 1:1-4
- b.) The Growth of Knowledge 1:5-11
- c.) The Ground of Knowledge 1:12-21

The True Christian Understands
That Our Faith is “Faith Founded Upon Fact”

The Gift of Knowledge

1.) Our Faith is in a Person

vv. 1-2

Verse 1

*Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have **obtained like precious faith** with us
by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ*

Verse 1a

1a) We Have Humble Beginnings as a Christian

Peter remembers back over his Christian journey
to when he was just a Simon

- * Simon **HEB 4613 Simon (see'-mone)**
to be listening or to be hearing

Simon was his name before he became a Christian

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" ¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 4:18a

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw Simon called Peter,

- * **Called** **GRK 3004 lego (leg'-o)**
to be describe as, to give out a name or identity
- * **Peter** **GRK 4074 Petros (pet'-ros)**
a piece of rock, a pebble or a stone from the rock

A bondservant and apostle

The Christian's growth process is to be a constant

We **have been** sanctified / we **are being** sanctified / we **shall be** sanctified
The spirit / **The soul** / **The body**

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 1b

1b) We Grow By Faith

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us

- * **Obtained** **GRK 2975 lagchano (lang-khan'-o)**
a lot, or a path, a determination

* like precious faith GRK 5093 timios (tim'-ee-os)
most valuable, most costly, or most highly esteemed,

Meaning that, Our Faith is:
in same object and of the same source

+ The Apostles Faith vs. Our Faith -

What is Having Faith In God?

Verse 1c

1c) Our Faith is Anchored in a Man, Jesus Christ

By the righteousness of **our God and Savior Jesus Christ**

“The” righteousness

Not a righteousness. but **THE** righteousness

Galatians 2:16

"knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Romans 14:17-19

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

How did He Do It?

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us,
that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Revelation 1:5

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Hebrews 10:22

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor idolaters, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor adulterers, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor homosexuals, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor sodomites, **(DNA or Choice?)** :10 nor thieves, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor covetous, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor drunkards, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor revilers, **(DNA or Choice?)** nor extortioners **(DNA or Choice?)** will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you.

But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
(Salvation is DNA or a Choice?)

Are You Pro -Choice? Then Choose God!

“Our God and Savior Jesus Christ”

a direct statement of Jesus’ Deity

Jesus is God the Son

(Because someone had to come to relate to man)

Our God

(Not among others - but the one and only God existing)

Isaiah 44:6

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
`I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.

Savior

(Means the one who delivers from defeat and with victory)

Isaiah 43:11

I even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.

Luke 1:46

And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
:47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior - Jesus Christ,

Verse 2

Grace and **peace** be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

a) **Knowing God Personally Brings Peace**

Grace and **peace** be multiplied to you

Known as the Siamese twins of the new testament
(grace & peace)

- * **Multiplied** GRK 4129 **plethuno (play-thoo'-no)**;
to increase beyond measure. To overflow or to spill over

b) **Knowing God Personally Brings Assurance**

in **the knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord,

- * **Knowledge** GRK 1922 **epignosis (ep-ig'-no-sis)**
having clear recognition of. Being able to identify
having full discernment, **being able to acknowledge**

Matthew 10:32

"Therefore whoever **confesses (acknowledges)** Me before men,
him I will also **confess (acknowledge)** before My Father who is in heaven.

Jesus' Prayer (HS) **John 17:3**

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

- * **Know** GRK 1097 **ginosko (ghin-occe'-ko)**
to "know with familiarity" to come to the place of
"understand" regarding another.

The Gift of Knowledge

2.) Our Faith Involves God's Power

vv. 3

Verse 3

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Verse 3a

2a) His Internal Power to Change

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,

as His divine power

God's Power Begins and Finishes the Work

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God...

Hebrews 5:9b

He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Psalms 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Verse 3b

all things that pertain to life and godliness,

“JUST ADD WATER”

When We're Born Again

we're born with everything we need for growth and maturity

Just like a newborn baby

All The Physical Attributes are Pre-Coded

Colossians 2:9-10a

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are **complete** in Him

* **Complete**

GRK 4137 pleroo (play-ro'-o);

to make replete with all. to cram full as (a net), to bring to brim and then over.... supply.

Verse 3c

2b) Power & Knowledge can be a Liberating thing

through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

* **Called**

GRK 2564 kaleo (kal-eh'-o)

to have chosen out who was invited.

Matthew 20:16b

For many are called, but few chosen.

The Christian is
“Genetically Structured” - “Coded”
for Glory and Virtue

Romans 8:29a

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined
to **be conformed to the image of His Son,**

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him,**

The Bible Alone is the Only Way This is Done

Have You Noticed - People Read What They Love

By glory and virtue

- * **Glory** **GRK 1391 doxa (dox'-ah)**
of dignity, honor, praise,
to show forth worship

- * **Virtue** **GRK 703 arete (ar-et'-ay)**
to have manliness (valor), excellence (intrinsic or attributed)
to show forth praises

The Gift of Knowledge

3.) Our Faith Involves God's Promises vv. 4

Verse 4

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

3a) His Promises Are Freely Given

by which have been given to us **exceedingly great** and **precious** promises,

+/- Promises +/-

The problem with promises is that we have no power to fulfill them

They can be broken by accident, things happen

They can be broken by mistaken, things go wrong

They can be broken intentionally, things change

Malachi 3:6a

"For I am the LORD, I do not change;

Titus 1:2

we have the hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie,
promised before time began,

(OKJV) Jude 1:25

To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever. Amen.

(NIV) Jude 1:25

to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

(NKJV) Jude 1:25

To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and
power, both now and forever. Amen.

The Point is;

The Lord is One - He's alone is Savior and God...
...And Any Other gods are nothing but Fools

What Has He Promised Us?

- I Promise to: Never turn you away if you come to me
- I Promise to: Never leave you or forsake you
- I Promise to: Be with you till the end of the world
- I Promise to: Give you peace that passes all understanding
- I Promise to: Give you abundant life now and later
- I Promise to: Forgive you all your sins and wrongdoing
- I Promise to: Love you forever

3b) His Promises are Power - Now!

that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**,

the divine nature

I in them, them in me

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask
or think according to the power that works in us,

Colossians 1:27 NIV

To us God has chosen to make known among the unbelievers the glorious riches of this mystery, **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

3c) His Promises Have Changed Us (Changing Still)

having escaped **the corruption** that is in the world through lust.

*** The corruption GRK 5356 *phthora* (*fthor-ah'*)**

that which is subject to corruption, what is perishable,
in the Christian sense, eternal misery in hell

Ephesians 2:1-5

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Titus 3:3-5

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ **not by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,