

## **Like Precious Faith Life And Godliness 2 Peter 1.1-10**

Simon Peter penned this Letter to the Church and he was one who fell and was restored to the Lord. Simon Peter denied Christ three times and repented.

He was writing to Christians who were going through terrible tribulation. Some may have felt that at times they failed our Lord. But Peter writes they have **Like Precious Faith. Then in verse 10 he says,**

**2 Peter 1:10** - *Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

**Adrian Rogers once said** “A christian ought not to be a question mark with his head all bent over. A christian ought to be a explanation point.”

Pay attention to this text because this text will teach you how to Stand Strong in your Christian Journey. The text says, **“. . . ye shall never fall.”**

**Notice the word Knowledge** in verse 2 and 3. The word knowledge here means “Super Knowledge” this is not an uncertain knowledge, a “hope so” knowledge; this is a “know so” knowledge, to know that you know. This is the type of knowledge we should have in God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

How do we develop this kind of knowledge!

**We have Life and Godliness Through,**

- A. Our Redemption - Obtained Precious Faith (vs 1-2)** - *Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that **have obtained like precious faith** with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: **Grace and peace** be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, - **When does a person receive Grace and Peace from God?** At the Moment of their salvation. Verses 1-2 refer us to the beginning of our Christian Journey which is the moment of our spiritual New-Birth.*

**John 3.3**

Everyone in our world has a birth day, the day we were born into this world. Our Heavenly Father wants you to also have a Spiritual Birthday, referred to as your second birth or being Born-Again.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

*John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.***

John 1.12

**We experience this second birth at the moment of our salvation,**

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*John 1:12–13 - **But as many as received him,** to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: <sup>13</sup>**Which were born,** not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.***

Rom 10.9

**This second birth is a spiritual birth that is,**

- **Supernatural in origin – It is of God**
- **It comes by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ**
- **We Receive the Lord Jesus When we call on Him for our salvation in surrender**

*Romans 10:9–10 - That **if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,** and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; **and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

Rev 3.20

*Romans 10:13 - **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.***

- **Best Pictured.**

*Revelation 3:20 - Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

**Receiving The Lord Jesus Christ is not receiving the Eucharist, it is recognizing what Jesus did for you on Calvary's Cross, and calling out with your mouth for the LORD Jesus to come into your life and save you. At that moment you will be Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb of God, who is the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Notice in our text (2 Pet 1.1-2) that,

- **Our Faith is through the righteousness of God (vs 1)** – That is God sent the sinless only begotten Son of God and because of His perfect righteousness He was able and willing to pay your sin debt for you.

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Rom 3.23

Someone might ask, “Why doesn’t God just overlook our sin?”

Our Heavenly Father would be unjust and less than perfectly righteous if he were to just overlook our sin and its cost (debt). Instead God saw our sin debt and sent Jesus to pay the full penalty for our sin. The debt was paid in full.

**The Bible states that God is,**

***Romans 3:23–26** - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: <sup>25</sup>Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; <sup>26</sup>To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: **that he might be just, and the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.*

Jesus, being perfectly righteous, paid your sin debt for you. This is called Propitiation.

- **Our Faith is through our Savior Jesus Christ (vs 2)** – Our **Grace and Peace** is multiplied unto us through the Knowledge of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Notice here that Grace precedes Peace. Grace always comes before Peace in the Word of God. If you want to have Peace with God you must have received the Grace of God first.

Notice also that God’s grace is not just given to you it is **Multiplied** to you. Hence, God through Christ is pouring his Grace and Peace upon you in glorious abundance.

Also notice that this salvation, this precious faith (vs 1), comes through the knowledge of God and Christ.

**Where does faith come from? How does a Christian grow their faith?**

**Romans 10:17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

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Never make the mistake of thinking your faith depends on your ability to just believe something. Your Faith is based on the knowledge of the Word of God and believing what God says in His Word.

So, the Word of God is incredibly important for you to know God, grow your faith and receive the abounding grace of God multiplied to you.

**B. Our Resources - Through the Knowledge Him (vs 3) - According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**

Notice here that God has given us “all things” that pertain unto life and godliness. You have been given by God everything you need to live a glorious, godly, Christian life. But this life, Godliness, Glory and Virtue all come through **the Knowledge of Him** (The Lord Jesus Christ).

- **Knowledge unto Life (vs 3)** – Did you know that before you were Saved in Christ you were not fully alive. The Word of God refers to lost people as **Blind, Lost, and Dead**. They are physically alive, out in this world looking around and walking around but God says through His Word that they are Dead.

When a person gets saved they are given life. The kind of life God intended for people to have. That is Spiritual Life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Knowledge unto Godliness (vs 3)** – Now this Spiritual Life in Christ will teach you to live a godly life; that is a life that seeks to become godly or Christlike.

Rom 8.29

**Romans 8:29** - For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1 Pet 2.2

Jesus Christ is God so to be Christlike is the learn to be godly. To learn to be godly and like Christ one must develop a **“Knowledge of Him”** that is Christ Jesus.

Where do you develop a **“Knowledge of Him”** through the Word of God. This is why the Word of God says that the most important thing for a New Christian to do is to develop a love for the Word of God.

**1 Peter 2:2** - As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

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Through your desire for and knowledge of the Word of God you will develop godliness.

- **Called unto Glory and Virtue**

**Notice that you are called to Glory and Virtue.**

Not your glory, that would be pride, but the glory of Christ through you. You will find your greatest satisfaction in your Christian Journey, your greatest happiness when you are glorifying Christ and the world is seeing the Glory of Christ through you.

**Virtue** – Virtue is the strength that pours out of us. When virtue goes out of us it is not the goodness or wrongness of what goes out of us, **it is a power that goes out of us.** When our Lord Healed the Woman with the issue of blood the Word of God said virtue went out of our Lord, our Lords strength went out of him to heal that woman.

Through your life and godliness in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ you will find your Virtue in Christ that is your Power in Christ.

**1 John 4:4 - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

Find your Glory and Virtue through Christ Jesus.

**C. Our Renewal - Through Great and Precious Promises (vs 4) - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.** - Through your new birth, your salvation, you have been transformed by the renewing of your mind (Rom 12.1-2). This is the result of the Great and Precious Promises of God.

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**The Exceeding Great Promises of God** will transform who you are and the way that you think and cause you to become a conquering Christian in your christian journey.

Notice in our text how you become such a conquering Christian.

**Through God's exceeding great promises you,**

- **Partake of the Divine nature** – You received the divine nature at the moment of your salvation, but you must consecrate yourself to that divine nature. You have the divine nature but you may not be intimate with the divine nature.

It is one thing to have the Divine Nature it is another thing to Partake of the Divine nature. God wants us to grow and develop intimacy with the nature of God.

- **Escape the corruption of the world**

There is so much corruption in this world. We might call this corruption,

- Sin
- Evil
- addiction
- lust

But through these exceeding great promises, and as we develop an intimate relationship with the divine nature of God we discover how to escape the corruption of this evil corrupt world.

Understand that you will never conquer the corruption of this world in your own strength. You will escape and conquer this corrupt world through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:57** - *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We develop this victorious victory through our knowledge and understanding of the exceeding great promises of God. The only way we can discover these promises is through the Word of God.

Is your Life in Christ, your Salvation, a question mark or an explanation point?

Do you know that you are saved?

Are you hungry for the Word of God? Do you Desire the Word of God?

Are you Developing the Kind of intimate relationship with God that conquers this world and its corruption?

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2. Escape Corruption