

# Our Precious Faith

2 Peter 1:1-4

## I. Introduction & Background to 2 Peter:

✎ Peter writes this epistle in A.D. 67 or 68, just prior to his death.

✎ Peter addresses the internal threat of false teachers.

- Denying Christ (2:1)
- Twisting Scripture (3:15-16)
- Mocking the Second Coming (3:4)
- Mocking the Coming Judgment (3:5-7)
- Their Ungodly Lifestyle (2:2, 13-14, 18-19)

## II. The Characteristics of Our Precious Faith: (v. 1)

### A. Our Precious Faith Produces Humility (v. 1a)

✎ Being bond-servants of Christ is to have our wills altogether consumed in the will of the Christ.

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### A. Our Precious Faith Produces Humility (v. 1a)

### B. Our Precious Faith Is Granted by God (v. 1b)

✎ The word "received" in this verse means to obtain by lot.

## Philippians 1:29

*For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,*

## II. The Characteristics of Our Precious Faith: (v. 1)

- A. Our Precious Faith Produces Humility (v. 1a)
- B. Our Precious Faith Is Granted by God (v. 1b)
- C. Our Precious Faith Centered on the Person & Righteousness of Jesus Christ (v. 1c)

## 2 Corinthians 5:21

*He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

## Philippians 3:8-9

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

## II. The Essence of Our Precious Faith: (v. 2)

✎ The essence of our faith is the knowledge of God.

## Romans 10:14, 17

How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

## II. The Essence of Our Precious Faith: (v. 2)

✎ The essence of our faith is the knowledge of God.

✎ God's grace and peace are multiplied in or through the knowledge of God.

**Philippians 3:10.**

*that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;*

III. The Goal of Our Precious Faith: (vv. 3-4)

- A. The Goal Of Our Precious Faith is Life and Godliness.
- B. The Source of Our Precious Faith is Divine Power.

*The world is for ever trying to come between us and God. If we listen to the world, as we all do by nature, it makes us not only think less and less of God, but even makes us feel that God is against us. It may even create an enmity against God, and a hatred of God within us.*

*It gives us a positive liking and longing for the things that are hurtful to us, the things that debase us, the things that lower us, the things that drag us further and further away from God. Such is the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

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- A. The Goal Of Our Precious Faith is Life and Godliness.
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- C. The Means of Our Precious Faith is The Knowledge of God.

**Power, Promise, Practice, and Prospect...**

God's divine power (v.3) flows into our lives when we know (v. 2) and trust (v. 1) His precious and very great promises (v. 4). And this power flowing through these promises produces practice of godliness (v. 3) and the prospect of eternal life (v. 3)

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