

FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson One • 2Peter 1:1-2
A Precious Faith

An Appreciation for Peter:

Peter was a man who knew how to FALL in his faith and yet, he still FINISHED his faith!

Peter's Credentials:

- One person with two NAMES: "Simon Peter"
- One person with two TITLES: "a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ"

The Theme of 2 Peter:

How to FINISH YOUR FAITH in the midst of moral corruption (*chapter 1*), doctrinal compromise (*chapter 2*), and prophetic concerns (*chapter 3*).

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for it you do these things you never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2Peter 1:10-11

You therefore, beloved, since you know these things beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2Peter 3:17-18

The Keys to Finishing Your Faith:

- You must know the basics of GROWING in your faith. *2Peter 1*
- You must know about the DANGER of false teachers. *2Peter 2*
- You must know how to LIVE in light of Christ's coming. *2Peter 3*

The Recipients of 2 Peter:

Believers who have received a "PRECIOUS FAITH" in Jesus Christ!

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The Foundation of Our Precious Faith:

1. Our Precious Faith Begins When We RECEIVE It as a Gift from God!

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A Faith That Saves...

Is not something we EARN through our efforts, it is something we receive as a gift from God.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV

2. Our Precious Faith Depends On JESUS CHRIST as Our God and Savior!

...by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2Peter 1:1c

When You Know Jesus Christ as Your Savior...

His righteousness becomes YOUR righteousness.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10 ESV

God made Him [Jesus Christ] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2Corinthians 5:21 NIV

3. Our Precious Faith Results In Multiplied GRACE and PEACE!

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2Peter 1:2

Grace and Peace Are Multiplied Toward Us...

As we GROW to know the Lord better.

Two Questions:

- Do you know Jesus Christ through faith as your God and Savior?
- Are you striving to finish your faith in Jesus Christ?