

A Precious Faith (part 2)

2 Peter 1:1-8

“of the same quality, honor and privilege as that of the Apostle Peter”

Foundation of the Gospel

- A Righteousness from God
- By Faith obtained
- By Christ provided
- Because of God's amazing love

Resources

- Provided by God's Divine Power
- Provide everything necessary for life and godliness
- Provided through true knowledge of Him
- Promises --the gateway to partakers of the Divine Nature

Development of Mental Picture

- Precious Faith
 - “as precious as ours...” 1:1
- Gospel Foundation
 - “through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ...1:1
- Abundant Resources—
 - “Grace & Peace be yours in abundance...”1:2
 - “Everything we need...” 1:3

Supernatural Resources

- “Learn to use them...”
- ILL. Luke Skywalker
- Responsible to use them
- ...”So that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith...”1:4,5

Supernatural responsibilities

2 Peter 1:5-8

- The job description of every true follower of Christ
- “We are called to make use of the resources God has provided, built upon the gospel foundation, to **continually** and **diligently** develop these qualities.”

Desired Qualities (virtues or characteristics)

- Faith
- Goodness
- Knowledge
- Self-control
- Perseverance
- Godliness
- Brotherly kindness
- Love

Expectations

- Make every effort
(“We are to bring into this relationship alongside what God has done every ounce of determination that we can muster.” Green)

Add

(“To add further supplies; to give lavishly, with generosity...” Green)

ILL. To outfit the chorus with additional supplies

Increasing Measure—“For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure...” 1:8

Job Description

“Yours and Increasing”

- Focus on developing these qualities
- How will I do that?
 - I know it says but...
 - I feel like quitting/ walking away....
 - I just don't like him...
 - I'm not really sure what God would want...
 - I can't seem to stop...
 - I see how Christ approached this but...
 - What about me?