

**BOOK OF 2 PETER**  
**WHAT THE BELIEVER HAS IN CHRIST-PART 2**  
**2 Peter 1:1-4**

**Introduction:**

We were looking last time at some things we have in Christ that Peter pointed out to the readers of this epistle. We took a look at the first four in the first message:

- I. *WE HAVE A LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH THROUGH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD AND OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST! (Vs. 1a)*
  - A. *Faith Brings A Relationship With God The Father And That Is Precious!*
  - B. *Faith Brings A Relationship With God The Son (Jesus Christ) That Is Precious!*  
*“Precious”– “a valuable or something highly esteemed.”*
  - C. *Faith Brings A Relationship With God The Holy Spirit That Is Precious!*  
*The word “another” means “another of the same kind.”*
  - D. *Faith Brings A Fellowship With Saints That Is Common.*  
*“like precious” faith – “means of equal value or honor.”*  
  
*The word “common”– doesn’t mean that it’s not extraordinary. It means that it is shared!*
- II. *WE HAVE THE VERY RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST! (Vs. 1b)*  
*It gives us an unquestionable standing before God in Him!*
- III. *WE HAVE GRACE MULTIPLIED THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! (Vs. 2a)*  
*We Have Grace That Is Abundant, Available, and Adequate!*
- IV. *WE HAVE PEACE MULTIPLIED THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! (Vs. 2b)*  
*Peace In The Midst Of The Storms, Sorrows, and Confusion!*

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- V. **GOD’S DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN UNTO LIFE AND GODLINESS THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM THAT HATH CALLED US TO GLORY AND VIRTUE! (Vs. 3)**  
**(i.e. We have been given the power to overcome through the knowledge of Jesus Christ!)**

- A. **Power To Overcome The World!**  
*1 John 5:4–“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*
- B. **Power To Overcome Evil!**  
*Romans 12:21–“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”*
- C. **Power To Overcome The Flesh!**  
*Galatians 5:16–“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”*
- D. **Power To Overcome Satan!**  
*1 John 2:13–“I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.”*

- VI. **WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES ! (Vs. 4a)**  
*2 Corinthians 1:20–“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”*
- A. **The Promise Of The Seed Of Abraham!**  
*Galatians 3:8-29*

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**B. The Promise Of Sonship!**

*John 1:12—“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:”*

*Galatians 4:6-7--And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

**C. The Promise Of The Spirit!**

*John 14:16-17—“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

*Acts 1:8—“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*

**VII. WE HAVE BEEN MADE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST’S DIVINE NATURE! (Vs. 4b)**

*2 Corinthians 3:18—“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

*Ephesians 4:23-24—“And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”*

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*Colossians 3:9-10—“. . .seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:”*

*1 John 3:2—“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, . . .”*

**Conclusion**

My what blessings we have in Christ Jesus!

We have a like precious faith through His righteousness!

We have the very righteousness of God through Jesus Christ!

We have grace multiplied through the knowledge of God!

We have peace multiplied through the knowledge of God!

God’s Divine power has given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue!

We have been given exceeding great and precious promises!

We have been made partakers of Christ’s Divine nature!

That is the reason why Peter ended the book the way that he did! **(3:18)**