

2 Peter 1:2b - 4

Remembering Truth When it Really Counts

“... a primer to guard against false teaching”

Understanding Our Faith (Part 1)

Back to the Basics: Our Quest - To Know Our God

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

Answer the following questions and please be prepared to share with the larger group...

1. Read 2 Peter 1:2b – 4. How are “*grace*” and “*peace*” multiplied to us in our lives?
2. What does Peter mean by a “*true knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord*”?
3. What does he mean when he says “*everything pertaining to life and godliness*”?
4. What are some of your most cherished promises from God? How can we have confidence in these?
5. What is meant by the fact that we can “*become partakers of the divine nature*” and how can we realize that?

Understanding Our Faith - Back to the Basics (1:2b – 11)

- **Our Quest (Part 1)**
 - *To Know Our God* (1:2b – 4)
- **Our Journey (Part 2)**
 - *To Become More Like Him* (1:5 – 7)
- **Our Results (Part 3)**
 - *To Achieve Success* (1:8 – 11)

Today's Learning Objectives:

To become passionately consumed with _____ which will provide us with all we need...

2 Peter 1:2b – 4

Our _____ (2c)

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

God's _____ (3a-4b)

³ ... seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ^{4a} For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises

God's _____ (4b)

^{4b} ... in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature...

Our _____ (4c)

^{4c} ...having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Our Passion (2c)

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord"

- Back to basics – Vince Lombardi
- This *"grace"* and *"peace"* only come in or through *"the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord"*

- “*Knowledge*” – conveys the idea of a full, rich, thorough knowledge that involves a degree of personal or _____ understanding of a specific subject (Jeremiah 9:23-24; 29:13; Matthew 22:37; Isaiah 57:15; Genesis 5:21-24)
- The _____ calling for mankind is to _____ God... in order to do so, we must...
 - Learn how to understand, fear, please and worship God
 - In order to do that, we must acquire, cultivate and nurture a _____ view of God which only comes from the _____ (Isaiah 66:1-2)
- Why should we desire to know our God?
 - To expose the _____ about us (Isaiah 6:5)
 - To view the _____ properly (Daniel 4:34-37)
 - To _____ Him and be _____ in conflicts/trials (Psa. 9:10; Dan. 11:32-33)
 - To gain understanding, discernment and _____ (Proverbs 2:6; 9:10)
 - To know the way, truth and experience abundant _____ (John 14:6; 10:10)
 - To bear much _____ (John 15:4, 8)
 - To prove we are His _____ (John 15:8)
 - To experience _____ with the Almighty (John 15:10)
 - To be fulfilled and make our _____ complete (John 15:11)
 - To usher ourselves into _____ dimensions (John 17:3; Romans 8:36-37)
 - To motivate us to become _____ Him (1 Peter 1:14-16)
 - To praise, worship and give Him _____ (Revelation 1:5-6; 4:8-10; 5:9-10, 12-14; 7:10; 11:15-17; 15:3-4; 19:1-6)
- What are you obsessed with? What is the passion of your life? How would one know or conclude that? (Revelation 2:4; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3)
- Solomon said that wisdom begins with the knowledge, fear and understanding of the _____ and that nothing can compete with that intrinsic _____ (Proverbs 1:7; 2:5-6; 3:13-15; 9:10)

- We are exhorted by Paul and Peter to “*know Him*” (Colossians 2:2-3; 3:9-10; 2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 3:10-14)

God’s Sufficiency (3a – 4a)

“... seeing that His divine power has granted to us...”

- **His _____ (3a)**
 - Any spiritual sufficiency believers have is not because of any power we possess in ourselves; it is derived from “*His divine power*” only (Matthew 19:26; 2 Corinthians 3:4-5; Ephesians 1:19)
 - This “*divine power*” in us is the same power which _____ Jesus Christ (Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 13:4)
 - This “*divine power*” enables us to accomplish spiritual things we cannot even _____ (Ephesians 3:20-21)
 - “*Has granted to us*” – the tense here is a perfect, passive participle meaning in the past with continuing results forever

“... everything pertaining to life and godliness...”

- **His _____ (3b)**
 - “*Everything*” – describes _____ things (2 Corinthians 9:8; Philippians 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:17)
 - “*Life*” – describes both _____ (our days from salvation to glorification) (John 3:16-17) along with the _____ of our life (lived to the fullest or abundant life) (John 10:10)
 - “*Godliness*” – encompasses both true _____ in worship and active _____ (Romans 8:29-30; Philippians 1:6)
 - This Spirit-enabling, resurrection power gives us every spiritual resource to live God-honoring and Christ-exalting lives for the glory and pleasure of the King of Kings!

“... through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

- **His _____ (3c)**
 - Do you wonder why you aren’t experiencing spiritual victory in your life? Why does defeat seem to mark your path?

- Because we can and will only experience this divine power and provision *“through the _____ knowledge of Him (Jesus)”*
- It is by becoming consumed with the _____ of the Lord and through the process of _____ Him “face to face” that we are being transformed into His likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- *“His own glory and excellence”* – refers to Christ’s own deity and His perfect humanity respectively; the God/man

“For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises...”

- **His _____ (4a)**
 - *“For by these”* – the attributes of _____ character (glory and excellence)
 - *“To us”* – these promises were given to us as children of God
 - *“Precious and magnificent”* – speaks of their valuable and greatness respectively (Numbers 23:19; Romans 4:20-21)
 - *“Promises”* – these are all the divinely authored _____ in both the Old and New Testaments
 - What are some of your most cherished promises?
 - Provide the list of promises our CG developed...

God’s Purpose (4b)

“... in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature...”

- *“In order that by them”* – The implication here is that through inheriting and acting on these *“precious and magnificent promises”* we will increasingly...
- *“Become partakers”* – can be translated “fellowship”, “sharer” or in “partnership with”
- *“Of the divine nature”* – We are partners in the very _____ that belongs to God (Colossians 3:3; Ephesians 3:19)

Our Part (4c)

“... having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust”

- *“The corruption that is in the world”* – *“Corruption”* here denotes an organism that is decomposing or rotting and the accompanying putrid _____ it puts off

- “*By lust*” – The world’s moral decomposition is driven by sinful lusts or evil _____ (1 John 2:16; Ephesians 2:3; 4:22)
- “*Having escaped*” – The inference here is that ONLY by our intentional decisions to say _____ to sin (our natural craving or thirsting) will we “*become partakers of the divine nature*”
 - As we successfully choose the “way of “_____” we realize God’s purpose for us
 - This actually appears to be the pre-requisite to becoming more like _____!!!

In Summary...

As we passionately pursue knowing God
through His precious and magnificent promises and...

lean fully into the power of His resurrection...

we have everything we need to please God!

As we decide to run from the lusts of the world
that corrupt and deceive our souls...

We become more like Christ!