



Power for the Present

Part One: "The Christian Life Begins with Faith" 2 Peter 1:1-5

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- The foundation of our faith is the apostolic witness to Jesus Christ.
- The beginning of our faith is when we receive faith of the same kind as the apostles.
- The source and object of our faith is Jesus Christ.
- The blessing of our faith is knowing Christ more and more.

2. This faith requires God's Power.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 1:3, NASB95 -³ *seeing that His divine power [Gk: δύναιμι, gives us our word dynamite; here in the genitive case—the Source of this power is supernatural in nature] has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge [Gk: ἐπιγνώσεως, Epi (upon) and gnosis (knowledge)] of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.*

2 Peter 1:3, NLT -³ *By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.*

3. This faith involves God's promises.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 1:4, NASB95 -⁴ *For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent [eg., remarkable, costly, valuable and priceless] promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

The operative word in our study of 1 Peter was *comfort*,
 The operative word for 2 Peter will be *certainty*.
 - Pastor Joe



The Christians Life Begins with Faith

"...to all who treasure the same faith in Jesus Christ."
 - 2 Peter 1:1 (PME)

1. This faith is in a person (vv. 1-2)

STUDY VSERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 1:1-2, NASB95 -¹ *Simon Peter, a bond-servant [the Gk. word, doulos, can be translated "slave"—it pictures unconditional surrender] and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received [this word implies a gift that was received] a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;*

2 Peter 1:1-2, JBP - *Simon Peter, a servant and messenger of Jesus Christ, sends this letter to all who treasure the same faith in Jesus Christ as do we and who value this faith as ours given in the righteousness of our God, and savior Jesus Christ. May you know more and more of grace and peace as your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord grows deeper.*

- The Primary Promises of 2 Peter**
- The faith that saves is God's gift to us
 - The forgiveness of all our sins—past, present, and future
 - The spiritual adoption provided by God the Father
 - The spiritual strength given by the Holy Spirit
 - The comfort of God through suffering and hardship
 - The provision of all our needs
 - The sufficiency of His Holy Word
 - The hope of Heaven when we die
 - The bodily resurrection when He returns

4. This faith is built on God's Precious Word.

2 Peter 1:12, NLT -¹² *Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught.*

When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost...the height of treason is when a servant of Christ loses all character and forfeits all integrity and walks away from God and His precious Word.

- Billy Graham, Evangelist

(Source: Just As I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham, quoting Graham from his November 1949 Los Angeles Crusade)