

1—Getting Off to the Right Start (1-11)

*This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to all of you who share the **same precious faith** we have faith given to us by Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, who makes us right with God.* 2 Peter 1:1

1. The Christian Life Begins with _____! (1-4)

I am writing to all of you who share the **same precious faith** 2 Peter 1:1

>This faith is in a _____!

*we have, faith given to us by **Jesus Christ, our God** and Savior, who makes us right with God. May God bless you with His special favor [grace] and wonderful peace as you come to know **Jesus, our God and Lord**, better and better.* 2 Peter 1:1

>This faith involves God's _____!

*As we know Jesus better, **His divine power** gives us **everything** we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive His own glory and goodness!* 2 Peter 1:3

>This faith involves God's _____!

*And by that **same mighty power**, He has given us all of His rich and **wonderful promises**. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in His divine nature.* 2 Peter 1:4

2. Faith Results in _____! (5-7)

>Spiritual growth is NOT _____!

*So **make every effort** to apply the benefits of these promises to your life.* 2 Peter 1:5

>Spiritual Growth is _____!

*Then your **faith will produce** a life of **moral excellence**. A life of moral excellence leads to knowing God better. ⁶ Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance, and patient endurance leads to godliness. ⁷ Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone.*

2 Peter 1:5-7

Remember the Fruit of the Spirit?

3. Spiritual Growth Brings _____! 8-11 Three Evidences

> **Fruitfulness** *The more you grow like this, the more you will become productive and useful in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.* 2 Peter 1:8

> _____ *But those who fail to develop these virtues are blind or, at least, very shortsighted. They have already forgotten that God has cleansed them from their old life of sin.* 2 Peter 1:9

> _____ *So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Doing this, you will never stumble or fall away. And God will open wide the gates of heaven for you to enter into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* 2 Peter 1:10-11

Conclusion-- The Christian life begins with **faith**, but that faith must lead to spiritual growth—unless it is dead faith. But dead faith is not saving faith (James 2:14–26). Faith leads to growth and growth leads to practical results in life and service. People who have this kind of Christian experience will be **READY FOR ANYTHING!!!!**

Answers:

Faith, Person, Power, Promises, Spiritual Growth,
Automatic, Measurable