

# Let's Make Really Sure!!!

## Part 1 Let's Get Real! Messages From 2 Peter

We Live in a day when **Real, Authentic Christianity** is in short supply!

There are Many fake Christians & damnable heresies out there!

*So, dear brothers and sisters, **work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen.** Do these things, and you will never fall away. Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:10-11*

Peter dealt with these issues also!

*This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the **same precious faith** we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. 1 Peter 1:1*

Simon = **unstable** = before saved careless profane Peter = **rock** = after salvation

**same precious faith**--not redeemed w silver or gold but with the precious blood of Jesus. 1 Peter 1:18

## Three Things about Our PRECIOUS FAITH !

### 1. Faith that leads to Confidence is a Faith that **KNOWS!** (1-4)

*I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. <sup>2</sup> May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow **in your knowledge** of God and Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. 2 Peter 1:1-4*

"knowledge" is used **9x** in this chapter and 16x in the book.

"knowledge" = epignosis it means extensive, "super" knowledge

Assurance is NOT a feeling but is Knowledge!

Knowledge that comes from a personal relationship! **Do you really know Jesus Christ?** Phil. 3:10

<sup>3</sup> *And this is the way to have eternal life—**to know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. John 17:3*

Here is what we know .....we have.....

> **Pardon** May God give you more and more **grace**

> **Peace** May God give you more and more **grace and peace** grace always before peace!

1. Peace with God Romans 5:1 2. Peace of God Philippians 4:7

> **Power** <sup>3</sup> By His **divine power**, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.

> **Promises** <sup>4</sup> And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us **great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.** Promises claimed by knowledge

> **Partakers of the Divine Nature** enable you to share His divine nature

Our Nature determines....

environment

behavior

associations

appetite

2. Faith that leads to Confidence is Faith that **GROWS!** vs 5-7 <sup>5</sup> *In view of all this, **make every effort to respond to God's promises.** Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.* 2 Peter 1:5-7

After salvation growth is **OUR** responsibility—Make every effort! Don't let anything stop YOU!

Character qualities--Growth checklist

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| >Moral Excellence  | virtuous person     | >Knowledge         | practical knowledge |
| >Self Control      | Prov 16:32; 25:28   | >Patient Endurance |                     |
| >Godliness         | simply God likeness | >Brotherly love    |                     |
| >Love for Everyone |                     |                    |                     |

Am I growing in these areas?

3. Faith that leads to Confidence is Faith that **SHOWS** 8-11

<sup>8</sup> ***The more you grow like this,** the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. <sup>10</sup> So, dear brothers and sisters, **work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen.** Do these things, and you will never fall away. <sup>11</sup> Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:8-11

Confidence and Growth Means....

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. You will not be Barren     | But be productive and useful  |
| 2. You will not be Blind      | But see God's Plan and others |
| 3. You will not be Bewildered | But will know you are saved   |

**make every effort** to respond to God's promises. 2 Peter 1:5