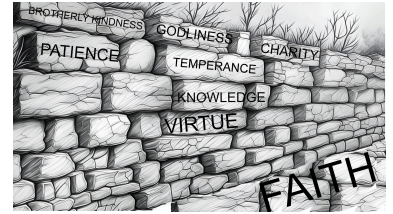


## Add To Your Faith - L2 - "Like Precious Faith"

**Introduction** – Peter, in his final letter, is stirring up the brethren by putting them in remembrance of the necessary truth (**vs. 12-15**). According to **verse 12**, these believers already knew much of what Peter was speaking of, but they needed to be reminded of these things. The point was not just to “know” these things but to be “*established in the present truth.*”



**Text: 2 Peter 1:1-4**

I would like us to think about the phrase found in **verse 1**, “*Like Precious Faith...*” Peter begins in this final letter by introducing himself and, as is common in a letter, **the folks to whom He is writing**. He then introduces the letter’s important subject. I want us to see first of all, by way of Peter’s example, the:

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ Of Precious Faith **vs. 1**

Every Christian will through their lives demonstrate something about their life with Christ. Notice with me how Peter uses His testimony in this introduction. We see first of all:

#### A. Simon Peter’s \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Peter 1:1** “*1 **Simon Peter**, a **servant** and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:*”

In the names ‘Simon’ and ‘Peter’, we are being reminded of what God can do in the life of a person by His grace. Not only do we see this in Simon Peter’s name, but secondly, notice:

#### B. Simon Peter’s \_\_\_\_\_

How does Peter describe himself? Peter is saying to us in the opening of this chapter—first understand what God can do in the life of an individual... He can take someone who is unstable and unusable and make him steadfast... just look at my life. Secondly, He says, I’ve learned that though God has given me influence and authority... what is precious is that **I am His servant**. We see not only the work of Precious Faith, but secondly, the:

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ Of Precious Faith **vs. 1-2**

Something is precious when it is **of value**. Something is precious when it is **rare**. Something is precious when it is **unique**. Something is precious when it is **desired**.

I hope it is that you realize that our faith in Christ is valuable, rare, unique and desired. How does anyone **obtain this precious faith**? Peter tells us in the first verse that this precious faith is only possible through the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

## A. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ

The word 'faith' here is in connection with our Salvation. And the truth that is announced here is that without Jesus Christ, there is no foundation to build upon. In **1 Corinthians 3:11** we read, "*11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*"

## B. "To \_\_\_\_\_" (the household of faith)

Although our faith is rare, we take heart that the apostle Peter mentions the household of faith. I am glad the Lord is still saving souls! Not only do we see the obtaining of precious faith through Jesus Christ, and secondly, the household of faith "to them."— But notice thirdly the,

## C. \_\_\_\_\_ Blessings

Our knowledge of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, results in two blessings that are almost always listed together. The mighty grace of God is almost always listed before the peace of God. Why is this? Because without the grace of God, there can be no peace with God. Then secondly, we have the word 'peace'. Because of our like precious faith, we have peace **with God** and can have the peace **of God** ("*...which passeth all understanding...*" **Philippians 4:7**)

## III. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Of Precious Faith vs. 3-4

Precious faith gives you, and I access to eternal life, but also godliness. Notice in verse 3 what Peter states, **2 Peter 1:3** "*3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*"

We rightly understand that this life that we live is "*According to his divine power...*" Notice that this is necessarily connected through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The enriching aspect of this is found in **verse 4. 2 Peter 1:4** "*4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*" As we close, would you notice **verse 5**?

## IV. \_\_\_\_\_ Upon Precious Faith vs. 5

**2 Peter 1:5** "*5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*"

Now this statement is not to be understood as an afterthought. This statement gives more of the idea of 'in light of all that I have just said...' "*...giving all diligence, add to your faith...*" Before we find the command, we see the resources it requires. The Lord challenges us to give all our diligence to this subject. The question could be rightly asked tonight: What is the great objective of your life? Peter says to these Christians, you must give diligence to this work in your lives.