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*His divine power has given us
everything we need*

2 Peter

Readings: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Everything we need for a godly life

Christians in Peter's day like us, in our day, were struggling to keep faith in the face of all their critics, false teachers and scoffers. So Peter writes this, his last letter shortly before his death 1:12-14 to "refresh our memories" v13, and to ensure we remain "firmly established in the truth" v12.

*The theme he develops is that our God and Saviour Jesus Christ has given us **everything we need** to know Him, and to grow in Him and live a godly life for Him in a world that hates and despises Him. So "**make every effort**" 1:5, 1:10, 3:14 to go on growing in Jesus because He has given you everything you need.*

HE HAS GIVEN YOU PRECIOUS FAITH 1:1

Five reasons God's gift of faith is precious:

1. *Because....*
2. *Because....*
3. *Because....*
4. *Because....*
5. *Because....*

How do you know you have received God's precious gift of faith?

HE HAS GIVEN YOU HIS VERY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES 1:3-4

What are the purposes of the promises we make to others? (E.g. Wedding Vows)

Here are the two purposes God gives us His precious promises:

1. To escape the world's corruption, caused by (epithymia) v4b

G K Chesterton: "Dear sir, the problem with the world is me"

2. To make you like the promise Giver v4a

John G Paton: During the crisis, I felt generally calm, and firm of soul, standing upright and with my whole weight on the promise, '**Lo! I am with you always.**' Precious promise! How often I adore Jesus for it, and rejoice in it! Blessed be his Name

WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE LIKE JESUS 1:5-11

Because....

1. Your sustained effort of addition (5-7) leads to LOVE
2. Which avoids the dangers of wasting your Christian life (8-9)
3. And empowers you to stand and confirms your assurance that you are a true and precious child of God (10-11)

Questions For Our Growth Groups

1. What stood out to you most from the message and why?
2. Why is it vital to grasp that your faith in Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour is a gift of God? Share what is the most precious aspect of your faith?
3. Why are promises so powerful? And how do you feel when someone has broken a promise they made to you?
4. Share how you are responding to God's precious (unbreakable) promises to you, in your battle with indwelling sin (*epithymia*) and are becoming more like Jesus the promise Giver?
5. How can we encourage each other to keep on keeping on "making every effort...." in growing together to become more and more like Jesus?