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Preparation Questions for Lesson 1

THIS IS A FAMILY OF LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH

Background Reading

II Peter 1:1-4; Philippians 3:14; II Timothy 1:9; Hebrews 3:1; Numbers 23:19; II Corinthians 1:20

MONDAY

How does Peter identify himself in II Peter 1:1? What does this show us about the change wrought in Peter's life?

TUESDAY

According to II Peter 1:1, to whom is the second epistle of Peter written?

WEDNESDAY

Read II Peter 1:3. What power is at work in the lives of those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ?

THURSDAY

From II Peter 1:4, what has God given to us as believers?

FRIDAY

What great truth do we learn in Numbers 23:19 and also in II Corinthians 1:20?

SATURDAY

We see in II Peter 1:4 that every believer is a partaker of what? Because of this, what are we able to escape?

THIS IS A FAMILY OF LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH

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Scripture Memory

"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."

II Peter 1:1

Notes



he faith of Christians is called "*precious faith*," because it is connected to the Precious One. The Lord Jesus is called precious by Peter three times (I Peter 2:4, 6, 7). He calls His blood precious too. He calls the "*trial of your faith*" precious (I Peter 1:7), and speaks of "*precious promises*" (II Peter 1:4). To Peter, the Lord and all things related to Him were precious.

Read II Peter 1:1-4. We often use the expression, "our faith," to summarize what we believe about God's Word and the body of truth we hold as believers. It is "*like precious faith*" with all other true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Peter was living on the Sea of Galilee, he thought about a fishing business. But now it is not fishing that is precious and meaningful to Peter. All of that has diminished. All of that has paled. Now it is not fishing; it is his faith. He says, "I'm writing to you about our *precious faith*."

With every passing day, the Lord Jesus meant more and more to Peter. This is the way it ought to be in our lives.

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The Power of This Faith

There is “*divine power*” in this faith. Notice what the Bible says in II Peter 1:3. Though Peter was a strong man physically, he realized that there is a power that only God has. He knew that he could have this power in his life because Jesus Christ lived in him.



People ought to know that our lives have been changed by the power of Almighty God.

Peter had seen firsthand Christ’s power over nature, over illness and disease, and over demons. He had even seen the Lord raise the dead. He knew that the Lord Jesus rose from the

dead because he saw the living Savior. Peter was an eyewitness of the mighty power of God.

We have a great God, the only true and living God who is greater than all our need. He has all power. Our precious faith is a dynamic, powerful faith in the Almighty God.

The Promises of This Faith

Our precious faith comes with precious promises. The Bible says in verse four, “*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises...*” We are to live on the promises of God. Find a promise and claim it.

What is a promise? A promise from God is a divine assurance on which we can depend.

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Consider Numbers 23:19. We as human beings sometimes make a promise but never follow through with it. The Bible says God does not do that. Everything God says, God will do. Every promise God makes, He will keep.



God’s promises will carry you through the most difficult hours in life.

Notice II Corinthians 1:20, “*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*” If God said it, you can say, “Amen!” It is going to come to pass. Faith in God does not *see* its way through life; it *faiths* its way through life by believing in God’s promises.

The Partakers of This Faith

We have the joy of being partakers of this faith. The Bible says in verse four, “*...that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*”

Be careful not to misinterpret this verse. We are not becoming gods. We have our old nature, but He gives the “*divine nature.*” This means that God gives us an enabling to live the life that pleases Him. If you are a Christian, God has given you a nature that enables you to live the life that pleases Him.

Because of this “precious faith” in Jesus Christ, God has given us a desire to serve Him.

Preparation Questions for Lesson 2

THIS FAMILY ADDS TO THEIR FAITH

Background Reading

II Peter 1:5-11; John 7:17; I Corinthians 9:19-27; Psalm 37:7;
John 8:29

MONDAY

What seven things are listed in II Peter 1:5-7 that we are to add to our faith?

TUESDAY

In II Peter 1:5, what is the first thing we must add to our faith? Why do you think God mentions this first? What does verse three have to say about this subject?

WEDNESDAY

What principle is given in John 7:17 which concerns knowing what God would have us to know?

THURSDAY

Read I Corinthians 9:25-27. Why was Paul concerned with being temperate in all things?

FRIDAY

From Psalm 37:7, what does it mean for a Christian to exhibit patience?

SATURDAY

What statement by Christ in John 8:29 should be the attitude of every believer?