

THE DNA OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH Group Questions

[Precious Faith] Sunday, January 9, 2011

ICE BREAKER: For the next eight weeks, a special study is being presented that will outline the biblical building blocks for exceptional living. Midway, starting today with SRO, has a vision for the next 10 years of our church life. Specifically, that is to reach 2840 lost souls for Christ in our area. As we any job interview, the interviewer frequently asks, "Where do you see yourself in the next five years? How about 10 years from now?" What things are you focusing on in the next 10 years?

Read 2 Peter 1:1-11

Focusing on verse 1, Peter says exactly who he is in his greeting; "**Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ**". These are much deeper commitments than descriptions like follower or believer. How would you describe yourself if you were to write it down and share it with people? Does it match with what others might say? What things might be occurring that would cause someone to see a disparity?

Peter addresses "**To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours**" in this same verse. Do you believe it possible to have faith equal to those that actually walked with Christ and saw him in the flesh? Peter clearly says this is true. How does/would having this faith change your daily life? What things must we do to build our faith to this level?

Scripture:

2 Peter 1:1-11

¹ Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: ² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Confirming One's Calling and Election

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, ¹¹ make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

More Information: Comments, questions and notes are taken from: The Bible, blueletterbible.org, biblegateway.com
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