



Great and Precious

promises

MY PRECIOUS

2ND PETER 1:1-4

My Precious

- Precious = personally of great value, not to be wasted or treated carelessly, always protected
 - What is really precious in your life?
 - Is it a person, thing, memory?
 - Does it bring joy, pain, or both at times?
 - Do you protect it or treat it carelessly at times
 - What would you trade for it?

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- The Apostle Peter must have had many precious memories
 - Jesus choosing him as a disciple
 - Jesus changing his name from Simon to Peter
 - 3+ years experiencing the Son of God on earth
 - Jesus transfigured
 - The empty tomb and Jesus appearing in the upper room
 - Seeing God work as recorded in Acts
 - What would be most precious to Peter at the end of his life?

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- Now Peter knows his execution is coming soon
 - He looks out at the church and what appears like the Gates of Hell are coming against it
 - Roman Persecution - external force
 - False Jewish teaches from Jerusalem - internal force
 - The pull, enticement of earthly life governed by sinful desires
 - Does he get discouraged, grow weary, run through the if onyls in his mind
 - He encourages by sending a letter to disciples of Jesus Christ struggling, we call today the book of 2nd Peter
 - Hear this morning the Apostle Peter speaking to you personally

Scripture

- **2nd Peter 1:1-4 NIV**, 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. 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.

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- Notice the title Peter uses - **2nd Peter 1:1 NIV**, “Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ”
 - Bondservant (*servant by choice*) - **Exodus 21:5-6 NIV**, 5 “But if the servant declares, ‘I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,’ 6 then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.”
- Notice who Peter is writing to - **2nd Peter 1:1 NIV**, “To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours”
 - Notice the word, “received” a faith as precious as ours
 - He is writing you this morning if you share his faith in Jesus Christ

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- **2nd Peter 1:1 NIV**, “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”
 - Peter gives us the first hint of what is really precious in his life and will go on to tell us why and how
 - He tells us what is of great value to him – his faith in Jesus Christ he has received
 - He tells us what he never wants to waste or treat carelessly or casually, it is something he protects and values
 - He is writing to those who have or have been given a faith like his
 - “have received” – something given and not earned

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 - “To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ”
 - **Matthew 16:16-17 NIV**, 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”
 - **Acts 4:12 NIV**, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

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 - **1st Peter 3:15 NIV**, “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord”
 - **NLT**, “worship Christ as Lord of your life”
 - **AMP**, “In your hearts set Christ apart [as holy—acknowledging Him, giving Him first place in your lives] as Lord.”
 - There was nothing more important in Peter’s life than his faith in Jesus Christ and he tells us why it must be precious in the lives of Christ’s disciples today

It is through our faith in Jesus that allows us the authority to draw deep from God's overflowing grace and peace

- Our faith, our salvation passes through the righteousness of Jesus
 - **Vs. 1**, “To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith
 - **Galatians 2:16 NIV**, “Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.”
 - **2nd Peter 1:4 NIV**, “by his own glory and goodness”

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- What does our faith in Jesus Christ bring into our lives
 - **2nd Peter 1:2 NIV**, "Grace and peace be yours in abundance"
 - More than you can imagine grace
 - Biblical grace is God's unmerited (*unearned and undeserved*) favor
 - ❖ Favor - approval, acceptance, support, kindness, love, forgiveness
 - If there is anyone who understands undeserved favor it would be Peter, Paul, Any of the Apostles
 - Remember Peter is talking to you this morning

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- What does our faith in Jesus Christ make available for our broken lives
 - **2nd Peter 1:2 NIV**, "Grace and peace be yours in abundance"
 - More than you can comprehend or grasp peace
 - A true grasp of God's grace will fill our lives with God's kind of peace
 - Not limited to saving faith but living faith to draw further into God's grace and peace

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- What does our faith in Jesus Christ make available for our broken lives
 - **2nd Peter 1:2 NIV**, “Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”
 - Growing faith - “through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord”
 - Knowledge provided by God through His revelation of Himself in Scripture
 - Knowledge as you begin living out His way of thinking, deciding, and acting in your life

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- What does our faith in Jesus Christ make available for our broken lives
 - **Philippians 4:7 NLT**, "Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."
 - Peace to know without a doubt....
 - Peter calls this precious faith, never to be questioned or released regardless of what this life throws at you faith, assurance, peace

As you grow deeper into God's grace, peace, and knowledge God's power is released into your daily life

- **2nd Peter 1:3 NIV**, “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.”
 - God's power is given to us so we can live a God pleasing life in whatever circumstance this life throws at us
 - No sloppy power, Not limited power or underperforming power but divine (*Godly*) power

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 - When the promised Holy Spirit was given

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 - **Acts 1:4-5, 8**, NIV, 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
 - “8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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 - Notice we are never ever lacking in the availability of God provided power, *“has given us everything we need”*, ready and waiting
 - He has called us into His divine power though or because of *“His own glory and goodness”*
 - We receive it though Jesus Christ, never earned, deserved
 - Peter called this divine power, precious

To consistently participate in godly living, we must live through the great and precious promises of God through Jesus Christ

- **2nd Peter 4: NIV**, “Through these (*“his own glory and goodness”*) 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.”
 - Living through God’s wisdom allows us to escape the corruption of the world that is governed by desires governed by a sinful human heart
 - Ultimately this corruption ends in an eternity separate from all that is good in a place called hell
 - It will be a real place and the only way to avoid it is saving faith in the promise of Jesus Christ on the cross
 - Jesus said, “You must be born again” to a very religious man

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 - It also means we can limit the stain of sin in our own lives and in the lives of our families
 - I say limit because there some results of sin we cannot completely avoid like physical death, hurt caused by the decision of others, some events of life because we live in a sinful world

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- **Matthew 4:4 NIV**, “It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”
 - God’s Word through the eyes of faith allow us to
 - Know God
 - Know the heart of God
 - Know truth that will set us free
 - Know how God desires us to live, move, and have our being
 - Just like Jesus during His temptation in the wilderness
- Peter called all of this “*precious beyond measure*”

My Precious

- How precious is your faith in Jesus Christ today?
 - Is it so precious you value it over all other desires or wants?
 - Do you possess it?
 - Do you protect it or treat it carelessly?
 - Are you enlarging it?
 - Does it define you?
 - Are you turning it loose in your events of life?
 - Do you see everything about you through your faith in Jesus Christ trusting in His precious promises?

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- Randy, I strongly desire all of this, what must I do?
 - **John 6:28-29 NIV**, 28 Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” 29 Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”
 - **MSG 28-29**, ”28 To that they said, “Well, what do we do then to get in on God’s works?” 29 Jesus said, “Sign on with the One that God has sent. That kind of a commitment gets you in on God’s works.”



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