

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

— **BEHOLD** —
HE COMES

A STUDY OF 2 PETER



APRIL 05, 2026

POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating. **Our goal** is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**. Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us** as much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**. You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.

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KIDS

Before the sermon, **children ages 2-7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

April 5: A Joyful Celebration.

Lesson Text: Mark 11:1-11

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Call to Worship	Nestor Pozo
<i>God is Love</i>	Ross Jordan
<i>God is So Good</i>	Ross Jordan
<i>Awesome God</i>	Ross Jordan
Prayer	Joshua Quinn
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Ross Jordan
Prepare For Communion	
<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Ross Jordan
Communion Prayers	Timothy Udumula
<i>Be Careful Little Eyes</i>	Josh & Aidan
Children's Chat	Josh & Aidan
Scripture Reading - 2 Peter 1:1-11	Bruce Holloway
<i>Lord Reign In Me</i>	Ross Jordan
Sermon	Shane Robinson
<i>I Am Resolved</i>	Ross Jordan
Shepherd's Moment	Frank Brown

GREETERS

Jane Schenck, Jim Cook, Terry & Virginia Ensley

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Shelia Baker & Virginia Ensley

WEE WORSHIP

Patrick, Mendy, Madelyn, & Carter Goble

SERVE COMMUNION IN APRIL

Tony Coley, Will Locke, Matt Locke, Bryan Miller, Jim Cook, Daryl Williams,
Ty Morrison, Ben Holloway

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:1-11, NKJV

“Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.

ALREADY NOT YET

2 PETER 1:1-11

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

**The answers to these questions are based on the New King James Version and come straight from the text.*

What has God's divine power given to us according to verse 3?

Through what means are "exceedingly great and precious promises" given (v. 4)?

What two results come from these promises in verse 4?

What qualities listed in verses 5-7 are we to add to our faith?

According to verse 8, what happens when these qualities are present and growing?

What problem is described in verse 9 for the one who lacks these qualities?

What promise is given in verse 11 to those who are faithful?

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

Which of the qualities in verses 5-7 is strongest in your life right now? Which one needs the most attention?

What would it look like this week to "make every effort" in your spiritual growth? Give examples.

Have you or someone you know ever experienced a time when you "forgot" what God has done for you? What led to that?

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The Christian life is often misunderstood as a list of demands that God wants FROM us. The text we will look at in this lesson shifts the focus from what God wants from us to what He wants FOR us. In short, God wants for us to know Him, become like Him, live out our faith, and one day be with Him forever.

(1) GOD WANTS FOR US...

TO KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN (1:2-3)

- So long as a baby is healthy and receives proper care, it will _____ as it should (1 Pet. 2:1-3).
- Similarly, God provides _____ necessary for us to know Him and to live in a way that honors Him (2 Pet. 1:3).
- Through Jesus, God provides knowledge and precious promises that _____ us all the way to the end (cp. 1:3, 4; 3:13, 18).

(2) GOD WANTS FOR US...

TO SHARE IN HIS OWN NATURE (1:4)

- God _____ us into something greater. Through His promises, we are able to share in His own nature (2 Pet. 1:4).
- While humans are made in God's image, we are not _____ in the way God is divine (Gen. 1:26-27; Isa. 55:8-9; Jn. 4:24).
- Sharing in God's nature describes the _____ relationship those who are "born-again" and "in Christ" have that enables them to live a transformed life (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20).

What God wants from you is you. What God wants for you is life with Him.

(3) GOD WANTS FOR US...

TO GROW SO WE DO NOT STUMBLE (1:5-10)

- Those who've escaped the lusts of the world are called to make every _____ to work with God to become the people He would have them be (2 Pet. 1:5-7).
- The eight qualities mentioned are qualities we must _____ work on and put into practice because they lead to life and prevent us from stumbling (2 Pet. 1:8).
- When these qualities are _____, we lose sight of what we've escaped, who we are in Christ, and where we should focus our time and energy (2 Pet. 1:4, 9-10).

(4) GOD WANTS FOR US...

TO ENTER THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM (1:11)

- Much of what is said in this letter points not only to who we are now, but _____ we are heading (2 Pet. 1:11; 3:13).
- While there is a sense in which we have already entered the kingdom of God (Col. 1:13-14), the future tense points to what is _____ to come (cp. Mt. 7:21; 1 Cor. 6:9).
- As we grow and remain faithful, God promises an _____ entrance into His everlasting kingdom (Jn. 14:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:7-8).

"Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."'" (Acts 26:28-29)

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CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Wednesdays @ 5:45 PM

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM

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