

Sermon Title: From Faith to Love: Spiritual Growth

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-11

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Reflect and Refocus

Reflect on what God has done

Refocus on the mission

2 Peter 1:3-11 ESV

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Through faith in Jesus we have His divine power at work in our lives

2 Peter 1:3a ESV

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness

Through faith in Jesus we are called to a personal relationship with Him

2 Peter 1:3a ESV

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

Through faith in Jesus we receive God's promises to us.

2 Peter 1:4a ESV

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises,

Through faith in Jesus we partake in the divine nature

1 Peter 1:4a ESV

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature,

Through faith in Jesus we are set free

2 Peter 1:4 ESV

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Reflect on what God has done

REFOCUS on the mission

2 Peter 1:5-7 ESV

5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.



2 Peter 1:8-11 ESV

8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The HOLY SPIRIT is our helper

1 Corinthians 6:19 ESV

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

John 14:26 ESV

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Acts 1:8 ESV

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”.

The CHURCH is here to help

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

God gives us Spiritual Leaders to help us

Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Princetown Church

Pastor Job Description

Duties: to equip the church for ministry and build up the church

Term: Until Jesus returns and completes the job himself

Discussion Questions – January 14, 2024

ICEBREAKER

- What are some things that have changed for the better in your life over the last 10 years?

[Note: In some cases the questions below will work just as they are written. Sometimes they will serve as inspiration for questions more relevant to the sermon. Use the questions that work, move on when they don't. It's rare that you will need them all. At least one question from each section is a good idea.]

Getting to Know God

- What is something from this passage that we can learn about God?
 - What are his characteristics?
 - What does He do/communicate, or not do/communicate and why?
- From your other personal Bible reading, what did you learn or see about God that relates or correlates to what this passage is talking about?
- As you reflect on this passage or this past week's sermon, what is God trying to say or show us?
 - What one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, encouraging, new or difficult to grasp?

Living it Out

- If you were to live out these verses, **what** would be most challenging for you to trust God with? Why or why not?
 - **When** and **where** do you struggle the most with _____ [whatever issue(s) this passage/sermon raised]?
- **How** would your life change today or this week if you live out what God is teaching you?
- Are you called to do something? Go somewhere? Serve someone?
- **How** are you going to live this out at home, in your work, or in your leisure time?

Pray and Share

- What victories have you seen God give you this week?
- What can we pray for you about this week?
 - What challenges or struggles are you facing?
 - What is on your heart?

Make sure to follow up with each other in the coming weeks to see how you are doing.