



Welcome!

October 16, 2022

"If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!" -John 8:36

Our Worship Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship through Song

I Love Your Grace

By Faith

In Christ Alone

Worship through Prayer

Worship through Scripture

A Strong Hope is Rooted in Faith | 2 Peter 1:1-11 | Pastor Scott

Worship by Responding

May the Words of My Mouth

Sending & Celebration

Worship by Going

****If you'd like to *worship by giving*, there is an offering box in the back.
You can also give through the app and web page****

Colorado Freedom Church

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Sunday Night:

Dinner @ 5pm followed by

Youth Group (Grades 6-12) and Adult Bible Study

Announcements:

- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study; 7:30 pm; Church Conference Room
- We will be having our next Colorado Food Distribution on November 5.
 - Volunteers at 8 am; Distribution starts at 11 am
- Visit the App Store or Google Play and download the FC App!
- Please consider setting up recurring online giving through the app or web page.
- If you are interested in partnership or baptism, please pick up an information packet at the information table.

Prayer Matters

How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!

2 Samuel 7:22 (NLT)

Berean Church

Columbus, NE –Columbus Berean Church (Justin & Megan)

Global Outreach

The Kaufmann's – Nashville, TN

Other

2 Peter 1:1-11
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Faith in Jesus (vv. 1-2)

¹ This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. ² May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

John 17:3; 2 Peter 3:17-18

Faith in Power and Promise of God (vv. 3-4)

³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

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Faith that Works (vv. 5-7)

⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

Faith that Grows (vv. 8-9)

⁸ The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

Faith that Hopes (vv. 10-11)

¹⁰ So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. ¹¹ Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Application:

Know God and His Word

Grow in Faith and Love

Go to your neighborhood and the World.

2 Peter 1:1-11 | A Strong Hope is Rooted in Faith

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Opening:

- What is the way to heaven? Is it by proper knowledge of Christian doctrines? Or by godly living? Is it by faith in Christ's gift of salvation? Or by working according to Christ's goals and principles? Is it by God's call to us to be his own? Or by our own endurance with God until the day we die?
- As you read through Peter's inventory of what God has provided for us, for which of these blessings are you most grateful and why?

Faith in Jesus (vv. 1-2)

- What does it mean to be a slave of Jesus Christ?
- What role do we play in our salvation?
- Read Romans 3:21-26 and consider the parallels. Why do we have a standing before God equal to that of the apostles? Why does Peter include this in his greeting?
- What practical implication does the fact that our righteousness (justice and fairness) comes from faith in Christ have on our daily life?
- How are you growing in your knowledge of God? How are you obeying what you've learned? How are you sharing what you've learned with others?

Faith in Power and Promise of God (vv. 3-4)

- What has the divine power of God done throughout time? (i.e.-creation, parting of the sea, etc.)
- Think of the balance between knowledge of Jesus and holy living that you have seen in Christians (and your life). What happens if one area or the other is weak? If you were to draw more fully on this power that Jesus makes available to you, what changes would you hope to see in yourself? Thank God for "giving us everything we need." Be thankful!
- What do you do to know God?
 - What is your Bible reading like?
 - What is your prayer life like?

- How are you coming to know more about God in community?
- How are you trusting God for living a godly life?
- We have been given everything we need to live godly lives. What keeps us from doing that sometimes? What stumbling blocks to Christ living through us need to be identified and removed?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-7. Were Paul and Apollos active or passive? Who ultimately caused the growth?
- What do you focus more on: what God's provided or what you think you lack?
- What is your most precious possession?
- What are some of the promises in the Bible that the believer can claim?
- If we say that the Holy Spirit is fully divine, and if we say that the Holy Spirit comes to live within us and transform us from within, this is essentially saying that the divine nature is already dwelling within us, leading us forward until we are suffused with God's own presence and power. What difference does this make to you as you pursue life and godliness?
- How does belonging to and participating in God's nature affect the company you keep and the ways you treat others?
- What desires put you in conflict with God's will? What are practical ways to run from that desire?
- What are your thoughts on the Wiersbe quote below?

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Faith that Works (vv. 5-7)

- What spiritual disciplines have helped you most in your journey with Christ?
- What is the process for developing these character traits?
- How can a lack of discipline hinder your spiritual growth?
- What is the difference between being disciplined and being legalistic?
- What insights does Romans 8:28-30 provide into God's ultimate purpose(s) in calling us to growth and maturity in our faith? What are the causes and results of spiritual immaturity?
- If sanctification is by grace alone, what good are our efforts? Should we continue in them or not?
- How does Jesus embody these attributes in the four gospels?
- Think about people who demonstrate these attributes faithfully in their lives. What can you learn from them?
- How are you adding these to your faith? (Definitions from Dr. Tony Evans)
 - goodness (living to glorify God):
 - knowledge (responding to divine revelation):
 - self-control (resisting sinful desires):
 - endurance (not quitting until God releases you):
 - godliness (seeking to please God with your choices):
 - brotherly affection (caring for the well-being of other members of God's family):
 - love (compassionately and righteously seeking the well-being of others, including nonbelievers):

Faith that Grows (vv. 8-9)

- How do vv. 5-9 challenge you concerning the times when you feel you are wasting your time, or failing to bear fruit?
- Read 1:8, 2:20, 3:18. What is the goal of biblical knowledge?
- Does v. 8 or v. 9 best describe you?

- Go back through vv. 5-7 and grade yourself (A+, A, A-, B+, etc.) on each virtues (keep in mind you already have them to some degree).
 - Faith
 - Moral Excellence
 - Knowledge
 - Self-control
 - Patient endurance
 - Godliness
 - Brotherly affection
 - Love
- How do we keep from being useless or unfruitful in our Christian walk?
- How do you forget God's salvation in your life? What can you do to remember?
- When were you cleansed from your old sins? Who did it?

Faith that Hopes (vv. 10-11)

- How did God call you (general and effectual)?
- What makes you stumble in your Christian walk? How can you walk better? How can you encourage others?
- How do you expect to be received into the Kingdom? I never knew you? Or, well done, good and faithful servant?