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Sermon Summary

Precious Promises and the New Life

2 Peter 1:1-11

As Peter writes his second letter, he understands that he is approaching the end of his life. Everything that he writes was meant to leave an impression with his readers.

The New Life of Grace (Verses 1-4)

Peter understands that his entire life is a testimony to the Grace of God. If we have been redeemed by Christ, that means that Christ possesses our heart, body, and soul. Serving Christ is never a negative. (Matt 11:29). Peter reminds us that the same faith that saved him is the same faith that saves all Christians. Peter desires that the Christian would be filled with the grace and peace that can only come from God. The greater you recognize who God is the greater you will understand the grace and peace that God has given to us. It is God's divine power that has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness. Man is saved not by their own will or own power but by the power of God. As we embrace this new grace, we recognize that Christ has saved us from the corruption that is in this world.

Christian Virtues (Verses 5-9)

In the 8 virtues (faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love) that Peter lists in verses 5-9, each one builds upon the one that precedes it. These virtues must be present in the lives of every Christian. These 8 virtues are like building blocks that come together to build the Christian into a holy temple to the Lord. Christians can be encouraged by knowing that each of these 8 virtues are present and perfected in Christ. Verse 9 forces the reader to judge whether these 8 virtues are present in their own lives. If they are not present, is it because they have forgotten what Christ saved them to be?

The Assurance of Salvation (Verses 10-11)

Election is directly connected to assurance of salvation. If God does not call, there is no assurance. Our assurance of salvation is not rooted in what we bring to the table but what God has brought to us. It is not how much faith you have that saves; it is who you have that faith in that saves. A heart that desires more of Jesus and less of self is on the right path to eternity. We can have assurance of salvation because those that the Lord calls to Himself will surely come.