

The Precious Gift

2 Peter 1:1-4

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 life and godliness 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 and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (2 Peter 1:1-4 NIV)

Peter identifies himself first as a “servant” first, then as an “Apostle”.

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To follow Christ means to become a servant of Christ.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (1 Peter 1:18-20 NIV)

1 Corinthians 7:22-23

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

As an “apostle” Peter spoke with an authority given to him by Christ.

Peter had great failures, but more importantly he had great repentance and restoration.

Matthew 26:73-75

John 21:15-19

Peter was defined by his forgiveness and restoration, not by his failures.

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Our Righteousness comes from Jesus Christ alone.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV)

Romans 3:21-25

Your faith is just as precious as Peter's.

Peter proclaims that Jesus is God

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The knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ brings grace and peace.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:2 NIV)

God has given us all we need to live a godly life.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3 NIV)