

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church
Baptist Training Union

“1st and 2nd Peter and Jude”

Called To Rely On God’s Provision

Study Nine: Relying On God’s Provision – 2 Peter 1:1-21

1. Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those having obtained a faith equally precious with ours, through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
2. Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
3. Accordingly, His divine power has given us all things toward life and godliness, through the knowledge of the One having called us by His own glory and excellence,
4. Through which He has given to us the precious and magnificent promises, so that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the decay in the world in desire.
5. Now also for this very reason, having brought in all earnestness, supplement into your faith virtue, and into virtue knowledge,
6. And into knowledge self-control, and into self-control endurance, and into endurance godliness,
7. And into godliness brotherly affection, and into brotherly affection love.
8. For these things being in you and abounding, make you neither idle nor unfruitful as to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9. For in whomever these things are not present, he is blind, being short sighted, having received forgetfulness of the purification from his former sins.
10. Therefore, brothers, be diligent, rather, to make your calling and election sure. For practicing these things, never at any time shall you stumble.
11. For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to you.
12. Therefore I will be ready always to remind you concerning these things, though knowing them and having been strengthened in the truth being present in you.
13. Now I esteem it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance,
14. Knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle is impending, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.
15. And I will be diligent also for you to have at every time after my departure these things, to make a lasting remembrance.
16. For we have not made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ having followed out cleverly devised fables, but having been eyewitnesses of His majesty.
17. For having received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice such as follows was brought to Him by the Majestic Glory: “This is My Son, My beloved, in whom I have found delight.”
18. And we heard this voice having been brought from heaven, being with Him in the holy mountain.
19. And we have the more certain prophetic word, to which you do well taking heed, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until this day shall have dawned and the morning star shall have arisen in your hearts,
20. Knowing this first, that any prophecy of Scripture is not of its own interpretation.
21. For no prophecy at any time was brought by the will of man, but men spoke from God, being carried by the Holy Spirit.

Discussion

- A. How does Peter identify himself? Who does Peter address this letter to? What does He say about their faith? What gives their faith validity, meaning and worth? ver. 1
- B. What multiplies “grace and peace”? What does Peter say he and his readers of this letter know? ver. 3-4.
- C. What does this knowledge allow Peter and his readers to do? What does it allow them to escape? ver. 4
- D. What is “this very reason” Peter refers to? Peter says “having brought in all earnestness (diligence, haste, speed)”. What does Peter mean by this? ver. 5
- E. What are the seven things Peters said to bring alongside our faith? Let’s take the time to examine each one and their role in supporting faith. ver. 5-7
- F. What will be the result of adding and growing in these things to our faith? ver. 8. What is the result of failing to add and grow these things to our faith? ver. 9
- G. What should Christian “strive” to do? What happens if they do so? ver. 10-11.
- H. What reason does Peter give for writing this letter to his readers? ver. 12-15
- I. Both Peter and Paul use the word “tent” to describe their body. Why do you think they use this word? What does “the tent being lay aside” mean? What does “his departure” really mean? Does he mean “from them”, “from his body”, “from this world” some combination of these or something else? ver. 12-15
- J. Why can we have confidence in what Peter is saying? ver. 16-18.
- K. How should the prophets and their words be regarded? ver. 19-21.
- L. Reflect on the symbolism and meaning of “a lamp shining in a dark place, until this day shall have dawned and the morning star shall have arisen in your hearts “. ver. 19.