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2 Peter 1:1-21

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The Goal of the Believers – Fruitful Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

Vs- 1 As Peter seeks to edify the church at large in this second letter, What is the significance of Peter's greeting, identifying himself as "Simon Peter", "a servant" and "an apostle" of Jesus Christ? (Compare to 1Pe.1)

Peter identifies his audience as "*them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*" What does this tell you about the heart of Peter and what he wants the church to know? Why would that be important?

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Vs 2-3 What two things did Peter desire to be multiplied to faithful believers? Why?

Why does Peter emphasize the “*knowledge of God and our Savior Jesus Christ*” in this letter?

Vs 4 What did Peter say God’s divine power has given to the church? How does this relate to knowledge according to Peter?

Vs 5-9 What did Peter urge his readers to “add” to their faith? Which of these qualities do you find most difficult to practice?

The idea of “adding” suggests an increase or growth (“*if these things be in you, and abound...*”). How does Peter propose to achieve this growth?

What will be the results of abounding in these seven qualities? (1:8, Col.1:9-12)

What happens to the person who does not possess these godly qualities? (1:9 , 1John 2:11)

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Vs 10 What did Peter want his audience to be eager to do? Why?

Why is it easy to forget what God has done for you?

Vs 11-15 Peter emphasizes that the awareness of his impending death gave him the urgent obligation to “remind” the church of those things which are important to our faith walk. Can you identify these?

What gives us a sense of urgency in the church today, and how do we handle it as a body of believers?

Vs 16-18 Peter says, “*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables...*” in defense of the basis for his and the apostles’ testimony and preaching. What has happened to us, that we don’t challenge each other anymore concerning doctrinal heresy and falsehood in the church, that contemporary preaching would change into the very *cunningly devised fables* instead if we’d have courage to admit it? Consider and discuss the following:

1Cor.2:1-5

Col.2:1-10

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How does Peter describe the character of his testimony to the Church? How would our testimony follow suit? (Compare with 1Jn.1:1-4)

Vs 19-21 What advice does Peter give to his audience, and to us? How should we respond?

Based on Peter's example and challenge above, what would exemplify a **"fruitful knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ"** in our own faith walk?
