

Our Precious Faith

READ: 2 Peter 1:1-4

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. ²May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. ³By 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. ⁴And 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.

REFLECT: What are some precious things God has given to us? (vv. 1, 4)

What has God's power given to us? (vs. 3)

If something is precious to us it means that it is very special and it means a lot to us. During the summer at our MBC Camp many children bring something that is precious or special to them like a stuffed animal, blanket, or pictures of loved ones. The items they bring are something they can hold close or look at to give them comfort and encouragement.

Our faith in Jesus Christ is much like that special item. Our faith reminds us of God's love for us and helps us during times when we need comfort and encouragement. God also gives us special promises in His Word that do the same. At MBC Camp we sing about one of those promises found in Hebrews 13:5-6. It tells us to be content with what we have because the Lord will never leave us or forsake us. The Bible is full of precious promises like this one showing us we have everything we need to live a life that pleases God and gives Him glory.

RESPOND: What is something that is precious to you?

Do you think of your faith in Jesus as more precious than that item? It really is. Peter says it is more precious than gold. Thank God for the faith he has given you and for the promises that comfort, strengthen, and encourage us.

Have each person in your family thank God for something and then pray for someone or something that is on their mind.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____