



The Epistles of Peter
2nd Peter 1:1-4
From Sermon 3.15.26

Read 2 Peter 1:1-4

Overview from Sunday's sermon: After a quick preview, last week, of where Peter is going with this second letter, we now return to a verse-by-verse study of the intro. It's clear that Peter understands better than anyone that we are vulnerable to the world, the enemy (false teaching/lies), and our flesh when we are ungrounded in our salvation. That stems from any false understanding of the Bible, Christ, sin, self, and justification. This plays out repeatedly in both church and personal history. Truth is foundational.

1. What makes people susceptible to false teachers/false teaching? Insecure/ungrounded in their salvation (if they even have it). Lack of sound teaching makes seekers discontent and chasing experience, comfort, and prosperity. Being given a formula or prescribed works for salvation and joy.

2. What is, then, the requirement for salvation? Perfect holy righteousness by obeying the Law of God.
See 1 Peter 1:15-16 & Luke 18:18-22

2a. How are you doing on that one? Complete and utter failure from day one up to this moment.

3. What does salvation look like when it is genuine? See Galatians 5:22-23. Holy attitudes, priorities, affections, desires, and works. Love for the Word, worship, fellowship, discipleship, missions.

4. Who supplies all the components of genuine salvation (grace, faith, righteousness)? God Himself.
See Ephesians 2:8-10

5. What 3 benefits of faith did Peter pray would be multiplied in us? Define each.

- Grace: _____
- Peace: _____
- Knowledge: _____

6. The Holy Spirit has Peter state: "*seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the full knowledge of Him who called us*". In Church language, we'd call that the Sufficiency of All Things Needed. Discuss and see also Ephesians 1:3.

6a. What is the first fatal step that inevitably leads to thinking Christ and the cross is not enough? Viewing the Scriptures as insufficient.

6b. How has the modern church promoted an insufficient view of the Bible? Various Answers. Insisting on providing entertainment, self-esteem, extensive programs, looking like the world in music and worship, lowering God's holiness. Removing sound doctrine (all doctrine) on sin, wrath, and judgment.

7. In verse 4, Peter calls us to be *partakers in the divine nature*. How have we already partaken? Christ is now in us and us in Him. We've been given a new nature. We are positionally holy.

7a. How will that be perfected in glory? We lose these fallen bodies and the current love of sin.