

## 2 Peter 1:1-11 Giving All Diligence

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### I. Intro

#### A. Review/overview of 1 Peter

1. Written to Jew and non-Jew Christians in specific regions who were being persecuted for the faith.
2. Needed to be reminded of purpose of suffering, reflection of Jesus, need for one another, living with hope. Hang in there.

#### B. Stuff must have happened between two letters. Very different. What?

1. A lack of diligence in their walk combined with persecution.
2. Weakened them to be deceived by false teachers promising them easier way.
3. Resulting in them bailing on Jesus and forgetting the promises concerning God's love and justice. They needed reminders.

#### C. Overview of 2 Peter

1. Written by Peter (1:1). Details see 1 Peter intro.
2. Written to, all Christians. 1:1.
3. Reason for writing, 3:1-2. Mindful of...
  - a) Words of the OT prophets (basically the OT).
  - b) Commandments of Apostles from Jesus.
- D. This is a booty-kicking letter. 1 Peter "hang in there," 2 Peter "get with it!" We all need that. Me, the church, right now.

### II. 1:1-4

#### A. 1:1

1. Simon Peter - uses both Jewish and Greek names. Identifying with the whole crowd.
2. bondservant - doulos, the master's will is all that matters.
3. apostle - sent out one. Difference between A and a. Missionary
4. Jesus Christ - not first and last name, name and title. Messiah.
5. obtained - received ones allotment
6. like precious - of the same value, equal
7. faith - both something we exercise and something we hold
8. by the righteousness - this faith is only available through Jesus. Not something simply decide to do or agree with.
9. God and Savior - Granville Sharp rule. Jesus is both.
10. Peter being very deliberate right off the bat.
  - a) Reminding them of what they have and how they got it.
  - b) Also bring readers and apostles to same level of faith. Why? Possible addressing false teacher issue? No favorites in God's economy.

#### B. 1:2-4 through the knowledge of results in three things

1. knowledge - epignosko. clear and exact knowledge from experience.
2. 1:2 grace and peace be multiplied through the knowledge gained by experience with God and Jesus
3. 1:3 facilitates His divine dunamis gifting us (under our control) all things that pertain to life and godliness

4. 1:4 great and precious promises through which we can be partners in, participants of the divine nature. The Exchange.
  5. All in contrast with through lust that results in corruption that is in the world. Hwy 26 West ends in one of two ways to go.
- C. Where are you? Where are we as a church? Do you have all things? Are you partaking? Are you experiencing Jesus?
- III. 1:5-11 How do we get this knowledge?
- A. 1:5
1. giving all diligence - strip down life to its essentials, add this in first, then the rest by priority. As soon as this gets crowded out something else needs to go.
  2. add - supplement, minister unto, furnish. what the old choreographer did with to/for his chorus.
  3. faith - connects back to 1:1
- B. 1:6 knowledge - different version of previous word. Means fragmented, learned information.
- C. 1:8
1. If you give all diligence to these things, you will not be lacking what's in 1:2-4.
  2. Imagine you know where your car keys are, but you spend all your time looking for them everywhere but where they are, and wondering why you can't find them. People do this with Jesus.
- D. 1:9 It's as though you were never a Christian. It never happened.
- E. 1:10
1. be even more diligent - can you get more than all? Must be important!
  2. sure - you can't be more saved or less saved. Salvation, calling, election are in what He has done, not what we do. Peter means, for our sakes, do what it takes to make our lives in him firmly fixed, rooted, grounded.
- F. 1:11 There is a relationship between our diligence and the enthusiasm of our entrance into Heaven.
- IV. Wrap up - Do you have the exchanged life?
- A. Are you giving all diligence?
  - B. You're saved? Great! Do you have the abundant life Jesus promised?
  - C. You're not saved? Do you want this? Gospel.