We Should Always Be Looking For The Return Of Christ

- **A.** Be Faithful (5:1-7)
 - 1. In your calling (5:1-4)
 - a. Be encouraged (v 1)
 - b. Be engaged (v 2)

John 21:17

c. Be examples (v 3)

Titus 1:7

d. Be expecting (v 4)

Colossians 1:18

Revelation 22:12

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- A. Be Faithful (5:1-7) continued
 - 2. In your consideration (5:5-6)
 - a. For the older
 - Leviticus 19:32
 - b. For the other
 - **Romans 12:10**
 - c. For the Omnipotent

James 4:7

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- A. Be Faithful (5:1-7) continued
 - 3. In your concerns (5:7)
 - a. God is waiting on you Psalm 55:22
 - b. God is watching you Luke 8:14
 - c. God is wanting you Matthew 11:28

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- **B.** Be Alert (5:8-11)
 - **1.** Be watching (5:8)
 - 2. Be warring (5:9)
 - 3. Be whole (5:10-11)
- **C.** Be Serving (5:12-14)
 - 1. Doing things that others cannot do (5:12)
 - 2. Being there when others need you (5:13)
 - 2 Timothy 4:11
 - 3. Bringing the peace of God to all through love (5:14)

Living In The Divine Nature 2 Peter 1:1-4

The Divine Nature Given By God By Faith Is Precious

I. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2) 2 Peter 1:1-2

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,

I. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2)

- A. Based on the righteousness of Christ (1:1)
 - 1. Because He is righteous

Romans 5:18

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

2. Because He makes us righteous through faith Philippians 3:9

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

- I. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2)
- B. Brings the rewards of faith (1:2a)
 - 1. Grace
 - a. Its abundance
- 1 Timothy 1:14
- And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
 - b. Its authority
- **Romans 5:2**
- By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- I. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2)
- B. Brings the rewards of faith (1:2a) continued
 - 2. Peace
 - a. Heaven
- **Romans 5:1**

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

b. Here

Galatians 6:16

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

- I. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2)
- C. Brought about as the result of knowledge of God (1:2b)
 - 1. Respect for God
- **Proverbs 1:7**
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
 - 2. Reliance on God
- Proverbs 9:10
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

- I. The Preciousness of Our Faith (1:1-2)
- C. Brought about as the result of knowledge of God (1:2b)
 - 3. Reflecting on God
- **Psalm 139:6**
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

II. The Provision of Divine Power (1:3) 2 Peter 1:3

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:

II. The Provision of Divine Power (1:3)

A. Endowed by God

1. A new way of life

John 1:12

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

- 2. A new way of thinking
- **2 Timothy 1:7**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

II. The Provision of Divine Power (1:3)

- B. Enabled by God
 - 1. By His Work
- Ephesians 2:10
- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
 - 2. By His Word
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

II. The Provision of Divine Power (1:3)

- C. Enlightened by God
- **Ephesians 1:17-18**
- 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
- 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

2 Peter 1:4

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.

- A. The provision of the promises (1:4a)
 - 1. The certainty
- 2 Corinthians 1:20
- For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.
- 1 John 2:25
- And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

- A. The provision of the promises (1:4a) continued
 - 2. The conditions
- Galatians 3:22
- But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.
 - 3. The confidence
- **Romans 4:21**
- And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

- B. The purpose of the promise (1:4b)
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

- C. Purity trusting the promise (1:4c)
 - 1. Escaping corruption
- **Psalm 143:9**
- Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.
 - 2. Expecting Christ
- 1 John 3:3
- And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Are You Standing On God's Promises?