



LESSON ONE:

The Blessings of God

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Text: II Peter 1:1-15

Introduction: As we have already noted, I Peter was written before the persecution of Nero and the Romans against the early Christians. This second letter is addressed to the church in general, but specifically focuses on hard teachings that were misunderstood by the early church. The words of this great book are applicable in any age but they are scholarly and "meaty" in nature. The apostle Peter is seeking to offer some words to the faithful. Will you accept them? In this lesson, we will focus on the blessings of God. Let's study together. . .

Discussion:

I. Receiving Your Faith (1:1-4)

- A. Christians must be encouraged.
- B. Christians need to seek knowledge.
- C. Christians have everything they need.
- D. Christians inherit a nature like God.

II. Adding To Your Faith (1:5-7)

- A. Christians add virtue.
- B. Christians add knowledge.
- C. Christians add self-control.
- D. Christians add patience.
- E. Christians add godliness.
- F. Christians add brotherly kindness.
- G. Christians add love.

III. Evaluating Your Faith (1:8-11)

- A. Christians grow in Christ.
- B. Christians are called and chosen.
- C. Christians will never fail.
- D. Christians inherit an eternal inheritance.

IV. Strengthening Your Faith (1:12-15)

- A. Christians cannot forget their past.
- B. Christians cannot forget that life is temporary.
- C. Christians cannot forget their motivation.
- D. Christians cannot forget what they have learned.

Conclusion: Peter confirms that once we have established an unstoppable faith in ourselves, we need to encourage others. Peter is seeking to build up the faith of the church. Will you receive his words to the faithful? How's your faith? Have you taken the steps of faith? Are you keeping your faith strong? What can we do to encourage you to stay faithful to God?

WORD OF THE DAY = "BLESSING"