

# The Greatest Motivation

The Source of Salvation creates the greatest Motivation 2 Peter 1:1a, part 1 Chris Mueller 10-6-2019

*Introduction:*

**2 Peter 1:1-4** *Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

## #1 The I \_\_\_\_\_ Tension True Leadership Faces in Salvation

*1a Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ.*

1<sup>st</sup> S \_\_\_\_\_ **Simon Peter**

**John 1:42** Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

2<sup>nd</sup> S \_\_\_\_\_ **A bond-servant**

**Matthew 20:25** But Jesus ... said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them." It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

**Galatians 5:13** ...through love serve one another.

**1 Corinthians 9:19** For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more.

ONE =

TWO =

THREE =

FOUR =

*1a Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ*

3<sup>rd</sup> S \_\_\_\_\_ **Apostle**

4<sup>th</sup> S \_\_\_\_\_ **of Jesus Christ**

## #2 The I Gift of Faith for Salvation

1b To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

**1<sup>st</sup> The G\_\_\_\_\_ to those**

**2<sup>nd</sup> The G** \_\_\_\_\_ *who have received a faith...*

**Calvin** *This is a commendation of the grace which God had indiscriminately shewed to all his elect people.*

**Hendrickson** *The clear implication is this: it was not an attainment because of personal merit or effort, but an allotment as a free gift.*

**MacArthur** *Clearly received a faith refers to something not obtained by human effort nor based on personal worthiness but issued from God's sovereign purpose.*

**Philippians 1:29** *For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.*

**Ephesians 2:8** *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.*

**1 Corinthians 2:5** So that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

**Acts 13:48** *When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.*

**Acts 16:14** A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

**Acts 18:10** *for I have many people in this city.*

**1a** *Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith.*

**#3 The IMPORTANT continuity of true Salvation *received a faith of the same kind as ours.***

#### #4 The IMPOSSIBLE requirement of genuine Salvation *by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**#5 The INCONCEIVABLE blessing of God-given Salvation *Grace and peace be multiplied to you.***

**#6 The INTIMACY with God in true Salvation *in the knowledge of God.***

## #7 The IMPACT of Christ in Salvation *and of Jesus our Lord.*

## TAKE HOME:

**A - Be Motivated to be \_\_\_\_\_, *because* Christ is your Master**

**B - Be Motivated to be** on God's Word, *because* the bible has God's authority

**C - Be Motivated to be** \_\_\_\_\_ **Christ, *because* He alone can satisfy your soul**

**John 17:3** This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

**D - Be Motivated to be \_\_\_\_\_, *because* you have been given FAITH**

## QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why would Peter being a slave and an apostle be an important lesson for all forms of Christian leadership?
2. Why don't Christians often think of themselves as slaves? Why don't very often act like Christ's slaves?
3. Why was it important for Peter to establish himself as an Apostle to his readers?
4. Why does Peter first remind the believers and churches he writes about their salvation?
5. How would believers knowing that God gave them their FAITH be an encouragement to them?
6. What changes of heart or behavior will you make on the basis of this half a verse?

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