

# The Greatest Motivation (part 2)

Salvation by God through Christ motivates the believer **2 Peter 1:1b-2** Chris Mueller 10-13-2019

## Introduction:

**2 Peter 1:1-2** *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: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

## #1 The INCONGRUOUS tension true leadership faces in salvation

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

## #2 The INCREDIBLE gift of faith for salvation

**1b** *To those who have received a faith*

**Acts 13:48** ...as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

**Acts 16:14** ...and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

## #3 The I \_\_\_\_\_ continuity of true salvation

**1c** *a faith of the same kind as ours*

### 1<sup>st</sup> ALIKE

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> APOSTOLIC

**Ephesians 2:19-20** God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.

## #4 The I \_\_\_\_\_ requirement of genuine salvation

**1d** *by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ*

### 1<sup>st</sup> The REQUIREMENT *by the righteousness*

**2 Corinthians 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.  
**Philippians 3:8-9** More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

**1 Peter 2:24** And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

**Isaiah 61:10** I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> The REDEEMER *of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ*

**Philippians 3:9** ...found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

**John 20:28** My Lord and my God!

**Colossians 2:9** For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

**Matthew 1:21** ...the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

## #5 The I \_\_\_\_\_ blessing of God-given salvation

**2a** *Grace and peace be multiplied to you*

## #6 The I \_\_\_\_\_ with God in true salvation

**2b** *in the knowledge of God*

**Hosea 6:6** For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

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

## #7 The I \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in salvation

**2c** *and of Jesus our Lord*

**Luke 6:46** Why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say?

### TAKE HOME:

#### A. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ in the righteousness of Christ?

**Isaiah 61:10** He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness.

**1 John 2:29** If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

#### B. What aspect of your life demonstrates Christ as \_\_\_\_\_, and what doesn't?

**John 14:15** If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

**John 14:21** He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.

**1 John 2:4** The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

#### C. Are you pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ Christ more intimately?

**Hosea 6:6** For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**Philippians 4:8** ...and count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is it important that our faith be the same faith of the apostles?
2. List at least ten blessings that result in the Christian's life from knowing that believers are covered in Christ's righteousness.
3. How does salvation bring the believer multiplied peace and grace, and why are there times believers don't experience peace?
4. Why is the personal intimate knowledge of God so crucial in the life of the believer?
5. What do you say (and what verses will you quote) to a professor who claims Christ but does not follow Christ as Lord?
6. What changes of heart or behavior will you make on the basis of 2 Peter 1:1-2?