

Faith Doesn't Stand Around With Its Hand In Its Pockets!
Game Plan 2016: Everything We Need For Life And Godliness!

Pt.2

2 Peter 1:5-9

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God's Part: His Power And Promises - 2 Peter 1:1-4

2 Peter 1:1, *Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: ²Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

- **God Has Given Us A Priceless Faith; Grace And Peace Multiplied; Everything We Need For Life And Godliness; And Priceless Promises.**

Our Part: Faith And Diligence - 2 Peter 1:5-9

2 Peter 1:5, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.*

- **It All Starts With Faith, But It Doesn't STOP THERE!**

Romans 10:9, *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame..." ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Galatians 2:16, *We... know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.*

Ephesians 2:8, *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Thought: Grace eliminates any idea of effort being involved in our salvation, but it encourages great effort because of our salvation!

- **Faith Doesn't Stand Around With Its Hands In Its POCKETS**

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Romans 12:6, *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give*

encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. ⁹*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.* ¹⁰*Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.* ¹¹*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.* ¹²*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* ¹³*Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

- **The First Virtue Of Genuine Faith Is MORAL GOODNESS**

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Micah 6:8, *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Colossians 3:1, *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.* ²*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things...* ⁵*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry...* ⁷*You used to **walk** in these ways, in the life you once lived.* ⁸*But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.* ⁹*Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices* ¹⁰*and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator...* ¹²*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.* ¹³*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* ¹⁴*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

Closing Thought: Genuine faith is a right belief that results in **RIGHT BEHAVIOR!**

Biblical Formula: Faith + Effort = Success:

- 1) Look at the 7 Keys to Spiritual Growth: Choose at least one to focus on.
- 2) Read the 77 Days to Easter Devotional provided in the Creek Guide or online at cottonwoodcreek.org/reading-plan, on Twitter: @cottonwoodfam, @johnmarkcaton or on Facebook: John Mark Caton.