

GOD GIVES FAITH

II PETER 1:1

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: In his final epistle, the apostle Peter wants you to review the foundations of your faith. This is essential for your continued growth in Christ and to keep you aware of false doctrines presented by false teachers.

BECAUSE HE IS SAVING YOU. Not only does God give you salvation, but He also provides the *means* of salvation. God's method is beyond genius and beyond comprehension. It does not discriminate but is the same for all people. All must enter through the door of faith, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." (**Hebrews 11:6**) Continuing to receive His gifts of faith is God's design for you to live the Life that He provides. (**II Peter 1:1, fn 1:1, Ephesians 2:8-9, fn 2:8-9, Hebrews 11:6, Ephesians 3:12, fn 3:12, Acts 3:15-16, fn 3:16**) *How could you grow in your faith?*

AFTER YOU "GIVE UP". "Faith is the one attitude of heart that is the exact opposite of depending on ourselves. When we come to Christ in faith, we essentially say, 'I give up! I will not depend on myself or my own good works any longer. I know that I can never make myself righteous before God, Therefore, Jesus, I trust you and depend on you completely to give me a righteous standing before God.'" Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, p.730. (**II Peter 1:1, Romans 3:28, fn 3:28, Romans 4:13-16, fn 4:16, Romans 5:1-5, fn 5:2-5, Matthew 13:53-58, fn 13:58, Romans 10:8-17, fn 10:8-12, fn 10:14**) *Why did God save you by faith alone?*

THE SAME FAITH that Abraham, David, Peter, Paul and others experienced was given to you by God when you were born again. When you received this precious gift from God, He exchanged your sin for His righteousness, His perfect moral standard. (**II Peter 1:1, Hebrews 11:32-40, fn 11:32-40, Hebrews 12:1-3, fn 12:1-4, fn 12:1-4, II Corinthians 5:5-10, fn 5:6-8, Genesis 15:6, fn 15:6**) *How is your faith precious?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?