

## “Feed My Sheep” 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter

### Lesson #9 Be Who You Are

2 Pet. 1:1–15, Eph. 2:8, Rom. 5:3–5, Heb. 10:38, Rom. 6:11, 1 Cor. 15:12–57.

**2 Peter 1:5–7 (NIV)** For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

In the inscription, the writer of the epistle describes himself by his names, the one given him by his parents, the other by his Lord and master, and by his character and office;

#### A Precious Faith

**2 Peter 1:1–4 (NKJV)** Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like **precious** faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and **precious** promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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

#### Exceedingly Great And Precious Promises

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

**Matthew 11:28-29** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**John 6:37 (NKJV)** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

**Isaiah 40:29-31** He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new

strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

**Philippians 4:19** And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

**Luke 12:32 (NKJV)** “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

\***Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

#### Love, the Goal of Christian Virtue

**2 Peter 1:5–7 (NKJV)** But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

**Romans 5:3–5 (NKJV)** And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

\***Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV)** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

**James 1:3–4 (NKJV)** knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**Exodus 34:5–7** Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,  
**1 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV)** for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

#### Climbing Peter’s Ladder (Maranatha March 17, Page 84)

Point the youth to Peter’s ladder of eight rounds, and place their feet, not on the highest round, but on the lowest, and with earnest solicitation urge them to climb to the very top. Christ ... is the ladder. The base is planted firmly on the earth in His humanity; the topmost round reaches to the throne of God in His divinity. The humanity of Christ embraces fallen

humanity, while His divinity lays hold upon the throne of God. We are saved by climbing round after round of the ladder, looking to Christ, clinging to Christ, mounting step by step to the height of Christ, so that He is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity are the rounds of this ladder. All these graces are to be manifested in the Christian character; and “if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” You are not to think that you must wait until you have perfected one grace before cultivating another. No; they are to grow up together...; every day that you live, you can be perfecting the blessed attributes fully revealed in the character of Christ.... Do not become overwhelmed with the great amount of work you must do in your lifetime, for you are not required to do it all at once. Let every power of your being go to each day’s work, improve each precious opportunity, appreciate the helps that God gives you, and make advancement up the ladder of progress step by step. Remember that you are to live but one day at a time, that God has given you one day, and heavenly records will show how you have valued its privileges and opportunities. May you so improve every day given you of God, that at last you may hear the Master say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

### Be Who You Are

**2 Peter 1:8–11** (NKJV) *For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

“We hear a great deal about faith, but we need to hear a great deal more about works. Many are deceiving their own souls by living an easy-going, accommodating, crossless religion.”—Ellen G. White, Faith and Works, p. 50

**Romans 6:11** (NKJV) *Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### Shedding the Tent Peter’s Approaching Death

**2 Peter 1:12** (NKJV) *For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.*

**\*2 Peter 1:12** (ESV) *Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.*

**Romans 15:15** (NKJV) *Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,*

**Jude 5** (ESV) *Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.*

**Luke 24:6-8** *"He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words.*

### Scripture Songs

### Faith in the Face of Death

**2 Peter 1:12–15** (NKJV) *For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,<sup>14</sup> knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.*

**John 21:18–19** (NKJV) *Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”<sup>19</sup> This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “**Follow Me.**”*

**1 Corinthians 15:52–53** (NKJV) *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

**John 13:36** (NKJV) *Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.”*