

**THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
VOLUME 6: CALLED TO GLORY AND VIRTUE
MESSAGE 9: LIVE BY FAITH [18 DECEMBER 2022]**

• **FOUNDATION & REVIEW:**

- **2 Peter 1:3-4, 19**
- **Psalm 37:23**
 - 3 steps we must take to produce the Glory of God:
 - Walk in the Truth
 - Live by Faith
 - Praise and Keep our Conversation RIGHT
 - The Glory of God:
 - God's Manifest Presence
 - God's Manifest Goodness
 - God's Manifest Power
- **3 John 2-4, 11**
- **(John 17:17) [The Passion Translation] "Your Word is Truth! So make them holy by the Truth."**
- To set an atmosphere for the Glory of God to Manifest, we must be filled with the Truth of God's Word and walk by Faith in that Truth daily.
 - Giving Praise to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. **Why Does Peter Tell Us to Obtain Like Precious Faith When It's a Gift?**

- a. 2 Peter 1:1 "to those who HAVE obtained like precious faith"
 - i. Obtain (*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*) = gain, procure, establish (to prevail, to succeed)
 - ii. Romans 10:17 = Faith Comes but we have to receive the Truth of God's Word
 - iii. Faith (*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*) = to be persuaded fully, belief in God's Scriptural Truth, an affectionate practical confidence in the testimony of God. **(Total confidence in God's Covenant Words)**
- b. Faith's Purpose:
 - i. Ephesians 2:8 = to obtain Salvation
 - ii. Hebrews 11:6 = Living by Faith Pleases God
 - iii. 1 John 5:4 = Faith overcomes the world

II. Faith is Obtained Through 3 Avenues of God's Covenant Words:

- a. (2Peter 1:1) [*The Passion Translation*] *This letter is from Simeon Peter, a loving servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to those who have been given a faith as equally precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*
- b. (2Peter 1:19) [*The Passion Translation*] *And so we have been given the prophetic word—the written message of the prophets, made more reliable and fully validated by the confirming voice of God on the Mount of Transfiguration. And you will continue to do well if you stay focused on it. For this prophetic message is like a piercing light shining in a gloomy place until the dawning of a new day, when the Morning Star rises in your hearts.*
 - i. What Value do you give God's Covenant Words?
 - ii. What value do you give God's Commands, Laws, Instructions?
 - iii. What value do you give Faith?
 - iv. What value do you give your Confession of Faith (God's Covenant Words)?
 - v. What value do you place on Praise, Worship & Thanksgiving?
- c. The Preached Word sheds the Light in Darkness:
 - i. Romans 10:1-17
 1. Verse 14 poses 3 very important questions:
 - a. How shall they CALL on God if they haven't believed?
 - b. How shall they believe in God if they've not heard?
 - c. How shall they hear without a Preacher?
 - i. Verse 15: How shall the Preacher Preach except they be sent (by God)?
 - ii. Verse 16 says they have not all obeyed!
 - iii. Verse 8: "the Word of Faith which we preach
 - d. Verse 8 Shows the circle of Life of God's Word:
 - i. The Word is near you
 - ii. The Word is in YOUR Mouth
 - iii. The Word is in YOUR Heart
 - iv. Romans 12:2 = continual renewal
 - v. Matthew 12:33-37 = the Word of God gets into our Hearts through Preaching, Study & Meditation
- d. Study to Show YOURSELF Approved by God: 2 Timothy 2:15
 - i. Our own personal Study brings the dawn of the day on God's Word
 - ii. We study to find God's Truths – "for the truth we know and apply with set us free"

- iii. We study to prove God's Will to ourselves
 - 1. Colossians 1:9
- iv. Study Guides and Outlines help us study the Word
- e. Meditation
 - i. What we've heard from Preaching, what we've studied now needs to be Meditated
 - ii. Meditation brings the Day Star to our Heart: The Rhema – revealed Truth of God's Word
 - iii. Meditation involves the Spirit of Truth – the Holy Spirit, Who will show us the Truth and how it applies to our everyday Life.
 - iv. Meditation takes time – thinking & speaking the scriptures out loud from your own mouth so your ears hear them