

# 2 PETER

*grow in grace and knowledge*

**EMPOWERED TO PARTICIPATE IN DIVINE NATURE**

**2 PETER 1:1-11**

# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Through His righteousness our God and Savior Jesus Christ has given us precious faith to be His servants ( slaves) and apostles. We are privileged people because He has empowered us with His divine power and promises so that we can build godly character.

# OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

- ▶ WE HAVE PRECIOUS FAITH. VS 1
- ▶ WE HAVE GRACE OF GOD. VS 2
- ▶ WE HAVE PEACE OF GOD. VS 2
- ▶ WE ARE SERVANTS OF CHRIST. VS 1
- ▶ WE ARE CALLED BY HIM TO BE HIS WITNESSES. VS 1

# WHAT ARE OUR PRIVILEGES IN CHRIST?

- ▶ Through His divine power we have everything we need for life and godliness. Vs 3
- ▶ We have precious promises. Vs4
- ▶ His divine power and precious promises helps us to participate in His divine nature. Vs4

# WHAT ARE OUR PRIVILEGES IN CHRIST?

- ▶ As we grow in the experiential knowledge of Jesus Christ, we understand His divine power and promises more clearly.
- ▶ In 2 Tim. 1:12 apostle Paul says “ I know whom I have believed.”

# OUR PURPOSE IN CHRIST

- ▶ We are called to participate in His divine nature and escape the corruption of the world caused by evil desires. Vs 4
- ▶ With divine power we need to build godly character which apostle peter outlines for us in verses 5-8

# **GODLY CHARACTER**

**HE WANTS US TO ADD TO OUR PRECIOUS FAITH FOLLOWING SEVEN VIRTUES.**

- ▶ **GOODNESS**
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGE**
- ▶ **SELF CONTROL**
- ▶ **PERSEVERANCE**

# **GODLY CHARACTER**

- ▶ **GODLINESS**
- ▶ **BROTHERLY KINDNESS**
- ▶ **LOVE**
- ▶ **WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GROW THESE QUALITIES IN US WITH THE HELP OF GOD.**
- ▶ **PETER LAYS THIS RESPONSIBILITY ON US.**



# DANGER OF NOT GROWING

- ▶ We will be ineffective in our service. Vs 8
- ▶ We will be unproductive in our service. Vs 8
- ▶ We will be nearsighted and blind. Vs 9
- ▶ We have forgotten our salvation. Vs 9

# BENEFIT OF GROWING IN CHRIST

- ▶ If we continue to grow in our salvation and service, we will avoid falling in sin and receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Vs 11

# CONCLUSION

- ▶ We are servants of Christ who are called to serve Him and grow in godly character by His divine power and promises so that we can escape the corruption in this world and receive rich welcome in the kingdom of Christ. This is only possible, if we walk with Him daily.