

II Peter 1:1-4

1. SIMON PETER, a servant 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:

- **John 1:41-42** "He first found his own brother _____, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ). And he brought him to _____. Now when _____ looked at him, He said, "You are _____ the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated a stone)."
- **Luke 6:13-16** "And when it was day, He called His _____ to Him; and from them He _____ twelve whom He also named _____: _____, whom He also named _____, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and _____ Iscariot who also became a _____."

Definition: "SIMON PETER, a servant and APOSTLE" - Simon, whom Jesus later named Peter, was one of the original twelve disciples of Jesus. Disciple means a "learner" or follower. The original twelve disciples were also **called "apostles" which means "sent ones."** After Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and then hanged himself, the disciples chose another one of the many disciples to make up the number of twelve again. However, God never told them to chose someone on their own, and as you read the New Testament, you see that it is actually the Apostle Paul who is supposed to take the place of the twelfth apostle. Then, where it says, **"He FIRST found his own brother SIMON"** we see Andrew INTRODUCING his brother Simon to Jesus on this occasion, but Peter did not **make the DECISION to FOLLOW Jesus** and "forsake ALL" until later (see Luke 5:1-11). This is like a lot of us - we may KNOW JESUS as our Savior, but it may take a long time before **we really SURRENDER our lives** to Him completely.

- **Matthew 4:18** "Now _____, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, _____ called _____, and _____ his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen."

Definition: "You shall be called CEPHAS" - "Cephas" is the Hebrew, the Greek is "Petros," meaning a **rock or stone**, and which we translate as PETER in English. Jesus is NOT naming Simon for any **rocklike quality** in his personality or character, because we see Peter as being VOLATILE, IMPETUOUS, WILD and UNSTABLE in the natural. Rather, Jesus is prophesying what Simon will be like IN THE FUTURE, when **he will be BORN AGAIN and FILLED with the HOLY SPIRIT.**

- **Matthew 16:17-18** "Jesus answered and said to him, '_____ are you, _____ Bar-Jonah (son of Jonah), for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My _____ who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are _____, and on this _____ I will _____ My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail (be victorious) against it.'"

Definition: "On this ROCK I will build My CHURCH" - II Peter 1:1 says "those who have obtained **LIKE precious FAITH with US**" - **we are to have FAITH in Jesus Christ just like Peter's faith.** It is not Peter himself that the church is built upon, but the **CONFESSION of his FAITH that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.** In the Greek, this distinction is obvious, because Peter is "petros" a "little rock" or pebble,

and "on THIS ROCK," the word "petra" is used, meaning **a large, solid rock, even a boulder.**

- **Luke 9:20** "He (Jesus) said to them, 'But who do you _____ that _____ am?' Peter answered and said, 'The _____ of _____.'"
- **Matthew 16:15-16** "He said to them, 'But _____ do you say that I _____?' And Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the _____, the _____ of the Living _____.'"
- **Romans 10:9** "That if you _____ with your _____ the Lord _____ and _____ in your _____ that God has _____ Him from the dead, _____ will be _____."

2-3. 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,**

- **I Thessalonians 2:12** "That you would have a walk _____ of _____ who _____ you into His own _____ and _____."
- **John 14:25-26** "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the _____, whom the _____ will send in My name, He will teach you _____, and bring to your remembrance _____ that I said to you."

Definition: "GODLINESS" - Having the character attributes of God and Christ; **being and acting LIKE JESUS in all situations.** We can NEVER attain godliness in our own power and strength, but God has provided us the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit. When we ALLOW the **Holy Spirit to produce His fruit** in our lives, **He is producing the character of Jesus in us.**

- **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the _____ is _____, joy, _____, longsuffering (PATIENCE), _____, _____, faithfulness, _____, _____ . Against such there is no law."

Definition: "Has given to us ALL THINGS that pertain to LIFE and GODLINESS" - **God does NOT leave us ALONE to flounder on our own and in our own strength** to live the Christian life. He has given to us ALL THINGS that we need for "life and godliness", or in other words, ALL THINGS that we need to live a godly Christian life for Jesus Christ. God has already given you everything you need, all the equipment and all the power you need to obey Him and live for Him, you just need to take hold of it and appropriate it for your life. **He has given you the POWER of His HOLY SPIRIT,** and the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18), and He has given you authority over Satan and his kingdom (Luke 10:19), and so much more. But YOU must avail yourself of it all. YOU must yield yourself to the Holy Spirit, YOU must put on the armor, YOU must confess your sins and ACCEPT God's forgiveness and cleansing from ALL sin (I John 1:9), and YOU must submit yourself to God, resist the devil, and EXPECT the devil to flee from you (James 4:7-8).

- **John 14:16-19** "And I will pray the Father, and He will _____ you another _____, that _____ may abide with you forever, even the _____ of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees _____ nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will _____ leave you _____; I will _____ to

you. A little while longer, and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also."

Definition: "He will GIVE you ANOTHER HELPER - Some versions say "Comforter," but there is really no one English word that can describe the meaning of the Greek word, which is Parakletos. In the English dictionary, there is a word "Paraclete" which means Holy Spirit, but it is obviously just an anglicized version of the Greek word. The dictionary says "advocate, intercessor," but the actual meaning of the Greek word is "one who comes alongside to help."

- **John 15:26** "But when the _____ comes, whom I shall _____ to you from the _____, the _____ of truth who proceeds from the _____, _____ will _____ of Me."

Definition: "HE will TEACH you ALL THINGS" - It is the Holy Spirit and His anointing (unction) that gives us understanding of the word of God, and "enlightens our spiritual eyes." This is also why **people who are not saved and don't have the Holy Spirit** can read the Bible and make such a mess of it! The Apostle Peter tells us that **those who are unstable and UNTAUGHT "twist" the Scriptures** to their own destruction" (II Peter 3:16). They are un-taught because **they do not have the Holy Spirit LIVING in them to TEACH them!**

- **I John 2:20 & 27** "But you have an _____ from the _____ One, and you know _____." (Verse 27) "But the _____ which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone _____ you; but as the same _____ you concerning _____, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as _____ has taught you, you will abide in Him."
- **Ephesians 1:17-19** "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the _____ of glory, may give unto you the _____ of _____ and revelation in the _____ of Him; [that] the _____ of your _____ would be enlightened; that you may _____ what is the hope of His _____, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints; and what is the exceeding greatness of His _____ toward us who believe, according to the _____ of His mighty _____."

Definition: "ANOINTING" - There is nothing mysterious about the word "anointing." The King James version says "unction," which is the same meaning, and that is **the applying or application of the power of the Holy Spirit**. The same word "anointing" is used for rubbing oil on someone or something, and oil is used symbolically for the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The anointing of the Holy Spirit then is **the active WORKING of the power of the Holy Spirit in your life**.

Definition: "Him who CALLED US" - God has "called us" in that He has chosen us and has a plan for our lives **according to His own great purpose**. We will never be truly happy until we bring our lives into conformity with **His CALLING and PURPOSE for us**.

- **II Timothy 1:8-9** "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our _____, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the _____ of God, who has saved us and _____ us with a _____, not according to _____, but according to His own

- _____ and grace which was _____ to us in Christ Jesus before time began."
- **Romans 8:28-31** "And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are the _____ according to His _____. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the _____ of His _____, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. For whom He foreknew, him He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of _____, that He (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also _____, whom He _____, these He also _____, and whom He justified, these He also _____."
 - **I Corinthians 1:26-29** "For you see your _____, brethren, that not many _____ according to the flesh, not many _____, not many _____ are _____. But God has chosen the _____ things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the _____ things of the world to put to _____ the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world, and the things which are _____ God has _____, (verse 29) That no flesh (no human being) should glory in His _____."

4. 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.

- **Hebrews 12:9-10** "Furthermore, we have had _____ fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in _____ to the _____ of _____ and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened (disciplined) us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be _____ of His _____."

Definition: "PARTAKE" - to share or participate in; to take part in something.

Definition: "YOU may be PARTAKERS of the DIVINE NATURE" - It is through the **"exceedingly GREAT and PRECIOUS PROMISES" in God's word, as we RENEW our MINDS with the word of God**, that we escape the corruption of this world and become partakers of God's holiness, His divine nature. Rather than being PARTAKERS in the SIN and CORRUPTION of this world, God allows us to be PARTAKERS of His DIVINE NATURE - His holiness. Romans 6:17-18 "But God be thanked, that though **you were (used to be) slaves of sin**, yet you **obeyed** from the heart that form of doctrine (teaching) that was delivered to you. And **having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**"

- **Ephesians 4:23-24** "And be _____ in the spirit of your _____; and that you put on the _____, which was _____ according to God, in righteousness and true _____."
- **Romans 12:1-2** "And do not be conformed to this world, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____ that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."
- **I John 3:2** "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what _____ shall _____, but we know that when _____ is revealed, we shall be _____ him, for we shall see Him as He is."
- **Ephesians 5:6-7** "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the _____ of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore, do not be _____ with them."

- **Revelation 18:4** "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come _____ of her, _____, lest you _____ in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.'"

(This is referring to the wicked, world religious system. The King James Bible says "that you BE NOT **PARTAKERS** OF HER SINS")