

## 2 Peter 1:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*. <sup>13</sup>I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup>knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

## 2 Peter 1:1-4

**1** Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, 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; <sup>3</sup>seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup>For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

We have received a faith of the same quality and kind as the apostles- by the righteousness of Jesus.  
Grace and Peace are abundantly ours as we come to know God- through the Jesus.  
Everything we need for life and godliness has been granted to us- through His divine power.  
He has called us to His own glory and excellence through the knowledge of Him.  
He has given us His incredible and invaluable promises- guarantees of amazing things to come.  
He has shown us the way of escape from the corruption of sin, and allowed us to share in His divine nature.

It almost seems like Jesus does everything and, by faith, we are the happy recipients of an indescribable grace.

How is the church looking today? Does she look like she has been receiving all these marvelous things?

If not, why not? There is a component missing from our faith- intentional action!

## Hebrews 5:12-14

<sup>12</sup>For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup>For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. <sup>14</sup>But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Sound or not sound? A man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

## James 2:21-24

<sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; <sup>23</sup>and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup>You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Faith that manifests in works is the kind (quality) of faith that saves and justifies. Faith alone is not faith **at all**.

## Deuteronomy 1:8

<sup>8</sup>See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their descendants after them.'

See, I have given you the land. Do you believe it? Then rise up and possess it!

### **Hebrews 11:32-34**

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup>who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed *acts of righteousness*, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

### **2 Peter 1:5-8**

<sup>5</sup>Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, <sup>7</sup>and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup>For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.