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**FRIDAY EVENING
SESSION # 1**

INTRODUCTION

¹Simon 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:

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

³ 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,

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.

2 Peter 1:1-4

1. Essential Knowledge about the Author

2. Self-disclosure

a) A bond servant

i) Doulos

ii) Diakonos

iii) Huperetes

iv) Therapon

b) An apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ 2 Peter 1:1

i) Called

ii) Trained as a Disciple

iii) Appointed as an Apostle

3. The Recipients of Peter's Pastoral Letters

- a) Scattered Diaspora 1 Peter 1:1
- b) Suffering for their Faith 1 Peter 1
- c) Succeeding in Faith 2 Peter 1

WHAT IS FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

- 1. It is an "obtained" Faith 2 Peter 1:1
- 2. It is "like precious Faith" 2 Peter 1:1
- 3. This "Faith" is given by the Lord 2 Peter 1:1

KNOWLEDGE AND FAITH

- 1. The Blessing of "grace and peace" 2 Peter 1:2
- 2. "Grace and Peace" may be "multiplied" 2 Peter 1:2

THE DIVINE POWER OF THE LORD

- 1. It has been given to us Acts 1:8
- 2. All things that pertain to life and godliness 2 Peter 1:3
- 3. Through knowledge of God
 - a) Who has called us
 - b) By glory and virtue 2 Peter 1:3

EXCEEDINGLY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES OF GOD

- 1. The Promises of God
 - a) Exceedingly great
 - b) They are precious
- 2. The Potential Power of God's Word

- a) It can convert the soul
- b) It can make the simple wise
- c) It can rejoice the heart
- d) It can enlighten the eyes
- e) It can produce an enduring fear of the LORD Psalm 19:7-11

PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

1. The human nature

- a) What makes us human
- b) Made in the image of God Genesis 1, 2; Colossians 3:10;
Ephesians 4:2

2. The old sinful nature

- a) It is done away with
- b) We are born again John 3

3. We have a new nature

- a) It is called "a divine nature" 2 Peter 1:4
- b) Escaped the corruption in the world through lust 2 Peter 1:4

CONCLUSION

1. To help our Sunday School pupils

- a) To understand Salvation
- b) To comprehend the divine nature given to us

2. The Growth of the Divine Nature

- a) It needs to be cultivated
- b) Nothing is to be taken for granted

3. The Potential for Growth is significant

- a) Power
- b) Grace and Peace multiplied
- c) Becoming a significant servant of God

4. Our Challenge as Sunday School Teachers

- a) To instruct
- b) To illustrate
- c) To inspire