



Sermon Notes, 3 January 2021

Term Spring 2021

Series 2 Peter 1:1-11 (Trust, Surrender, Confidence)

Gatherings: the 11, the 6

Title Everything we need

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Reading – 2 Peter 1:1-11

Questions

Go through the passage and highlight all the language about receiving or being given. Note too the language about calling and election. Make a list of all the things we as Christians are given and use them as the basis for praise and thanksgiving.

What can you do to elevate the place of gratitude in your spiritual disciplines this year?

Peter emphasises ‘knowledge’ as the key element in growing as a Christian. The Greek means ‘intimate, first-hand experience.’ What can you determine at the start of a New Year in terms of developing your knowledge of Jesus?

In verse 4, Peter mentions God’s ‘very great and precious promises.’ What promises in God’s Word have sustained you over the years? Do you have a list to refer to when you need reassurance of God’s nature, goodness and faithfulness?

In verses 3 & 4, Peter makes 2 extraordinary statements:

- that we have everything we need for a godly life
- that we may participate in the divine nature

What do these two statements meant to you? How do you understand them? Perhaps more importantly, how do you receive them? Do you find them easy or hard to believe and accept?

If, like me, you don’t always find it easy to receive such amazing promises, consider practicing the following three words

Trust – Lord, help me to put my trust in you and your Word. Help me believe that you can be taken at your Word; help me to trust that you mean what you say

Surrender – Lord, when I’m tempted to doubt the truth of your Word, when life’s circumstances seem to suggest otherwise, help me surrender not to those circumstances but to your Word

Confidence – Lord, increase my confidence in your Word, that I may make it even more my foundation for the coming year than it has been before