

WHO ... ME?



YES, YOU, FAITHFUL  
CHRISTIAN!!!



A GRAND  
ENTRANCE  
INTO THE  
ETERNAL  
KINGDOM OF  
OUR LORD  
AND SAVIOR  
JESUS CHRIST



**1. For God to provide for us a grand entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord, we must know the King and his ways, 1:1-2.**

**A. We must come to a right standing before the King, 1:1.**

- (2 Peter 1:1 ESV) Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

**B. We must come to understand who he is and grow in our knowledge of him, 1:2-4.**

- (2 Peter 1:2 ESV) May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

**C. We must come to understand how the King operates—he does nothing apart from his glory.**

- (2 Peter 1:3b ESV) ... him who called us to his own glory and excellence.
- (2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV) And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

**D. An example of the modus operandi of the King—the glory-to-glory principle.**

The grace work of God—the “power at work within us”—is “far beyond beyond measure”.

- (Ephesians 3:20–21 ESV) Now to him who is able to do **far more abundantly** than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, **21 to him be glory** in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Far more abundantly ...** two Greek words that mean “**far beyond beyond measure**”; in a manner beyond the furthest degree.

**2. For God to provide for us a grand entrance into the eternal kingdom of God, we must be able to believe God and trust him for life, 1:3-4.**

- (2 Peter 1:3–4 ESV) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us

to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

He tells us that he has given us everything that we need for life and godliness ... and that he has called us to his own glory and excellence ... and he has given us great promises that would enable us to share in the divine nature of God.

How do we do that? How do we believe those things? By truly understanding who he is. By growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A. Our ability to believe God is in direct proportion to what we actually know about God, and what we experience as we “follow the data”.**

**B. Here is a getting acquainted starter course straight from the textbook introducing us to the higher ways of the King of glory.**

- i. *The King of the universe desires to make known to us **the riches of his glory** ... (Romans 9:22–23 ESV) What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels*

of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory.

- ii. *He brings redemption to us according to **the riches of his grace** ... and ... **lavishes his grace upon us in all wisdom and insight** ... (Ephesians 1:7–8 ESV) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our*

trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

- iii. *He saves us by grace so that he might show us **the immeasurable riches of his grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus ... (Ephesians 2:5–7 ESV) Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the*

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And I am Yours (what does  
that make me).**

heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- iv. *He gave a special grace to Paul to enable him to preach **the unsearchable riches of Christ** ...* (Ephesians 3:8 ESV) To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- v. *The King supplies his power according to **the riches of his glory** ...* (Ephesians 3:16 ESV) That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being.
- vi. *The King supplies our every need according to **his riches in glory** in Christ Jesus ...* (Philippians 4:19–20 ESV) And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### 3. For God to provide for us a grand entrance into the eternal kingdom of God, we must build on what the King has provided by following his blueprint for growth, 1:5-7.

- (2 Peter 1:5–7 ESV) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

Addition means multiplication ... We add and God multiplies. We bring obedience and God brings his glory into the equation. We add these spiritual disciplines to our lives and God will show us his amazing power and authority. The glory-to-glory principle will be in “full swing”.

- (1 Corinthians 15:10 ESV) But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

- A. **To your faith add virtue**—Pursue the goodness and moral excellence of God.

- B. **To your virtue add knowledge**—Study your Bible for information about God; solid doctrine for the renewing of your mind that will transform your life.

- C. **To your knowledge add self-control**—Give ourselves to the leading of the Spirit within the sphere of and based on what we are learning about God.
  - (Galatians 5:16 NLT) So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.
  - (Galatians 5:22–23 ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- D. **To your self-control add steadfastness**—Continue firmly in your pursuit of God and the ways of God. Patiently endure in living as your King directs.

- E. **To your steadfastness add godliness**—As you continue firmly in the promises of God be sure to move forward in reverence and godliness ... enduring the discipline of God and sharing in his holiness.
  - (Hebrews 12:10 NLT) For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness.

- F. **And to your godliness add brotherly affection**—We certainly add this but as with all the other “additions” this is also a product of sharing the road ... a product of the commonality of sharing the path of our Sovereign Lord ... on which the Holy Spirit of God kindles a desire to act with sincere kindness toward with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The more we are led by the Spirit, the more our lives are drawn together to the things of God.

- G. **To our brotherly affection add love**—If there is an upward progression in this list of additions to our faith—our ability to believe God—then this certainly makes sense as maybe as we have grown in our relationship with the King, we may actually know what love is, at least the love that he calls us to.

**4. For God to provide for us a grand entrance into the eternal kingdom of God, we must continue building using the King's blueprints so that we will remain effective and productive in our knowledge of the King, 1:8-9.**

- (2 Peter 1:8-9 ESV) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

**CONCLUSION: Yes—you!!! The reward both now and in the coming eternal kingdom is more than worth the effort, 1:10-11.**

Make every effort to confirm your calling to the glory and excellence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- (Romans 8:18 ESV) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
- (2 Peter 1:10-11 ESV) Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**A. If we are faithful in living in view of the glory to be revealed, then the Holy Spirit of God will confirm our calling to glory.**

**B. This confirmation of our calling and election by the Holy Spirit of God will produce four very powerful results.**

**POWERFUL RESULT #1:** We will abound in hope as our hearts are flooded with light and reach the riches of full assurance of understanding.

- (Romans 15:13 ESV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may

abound in hope.

- (Ephesians 1:18 NLT) I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.
- (Colossians 2:2 ESV) That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.
- (2 Peter 1:3b ESV) ... through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

**POWERFUL RESULT #2:** This abounding hope will reinforce the reality of the Lord's coming in our hearts and minds and cause us to purify our lives in anticipation of seeing him as he is.

- (1 John 3:2-3 ESV) Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**POWERFUL RESULT #3:** Powerful Result #3: We will never fall. This person will never forsake God or abandon him. This person will not be seduced by the false teachers.

- (Psalm 37:23-24 NLT) The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. 24 Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.

**POWERFUL RESULT #4:** When we go to meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Father will provide a grand entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- (2 Peter 1:11 NLT) Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.