Rossland Ridge Bible Chapel

ADD TO YOUR FAITH – II Peter 1:1-11

January 3, 2021 with Dale Ward

Preparation for Week #1: Precious Faith

Pray About It:

Lift up Dale as he prepares to open God's Word at the start of this series. Ask for the Lord to work in our lives as we learn about *growing in our faith*. Bring before the Lord your family, friends, co-workers, neighbours, and our church leadership.

Read About It:

This week, Dale will be introducing our series for the month and the passage to read is <u>II Peter 1:1-11</u>. He will be focusing on verses 1-4 during his first message. Consider other passages with similar themes, such as: <u>Colossians 3:1-14</u>, <u>2 Timothy 1:5-9</u>

Think About It:

FAITH! What is your faith?

Definition: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (<u>Heb. 11:1</u>). This series is entitled "ADD TO YOUR FAITH". Ponder that. The title of the series is not our wording, but the words of scripture as found in <u>II Peter 1:5</u>

Is your faith the same as it was yesterday? A year ago, before the pandemic? Ten years ago?

Do Something About It:

Proverbs 3:1-4 implores us to take God's words and *"bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart."* Take time this week to memorize God's Word. And when His Spirit brings that verse to your mind (or another verse that speaks directly to a decision that you face), follow God's word!

Memorize It: Philippians 4:8

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

Small Group Bible Study #1 - Precious Faith

Note: These questions can be used as a basis for conversation with your family, a friend, or a small group on Zoom.

Talk About It:

To complete these questions independently online, click <u>HERE</u>. These responses will be shared with Dale.

- 1. Peter introduces himself (verse 1) as a servant first and an apostle second. Why is humility such an important quality in the life and character of a Christian?
- 2. Discuss why the word "precious" is so appropriate in describing our faith (verse 1).
- 3. How has the Lord demonstrated His divine power (verse 3) in giving us all things that pertain to life and godliness?
- 4. Share an example of how the "exceedingly great and precious promises" of Scripture have helped you in your pursuit of godliness and Christ-like character (verse 4).
- 5. Related to question four, how do we as Christians "escape the corruption that is in the world through lust" (verse 4)?

Additional Notes: