

Claiming God's Promises

Finally notice that having the right faith and right knowledge of God and Jesus Christ gives us ...

III: The Right _____: v4

The right nature is a ...

A. _____ nature

- **Whereby** = the channel of an act
- **partakers** = shared

Through the channel and act of having the right faith and the right knowledge we are partakers / sharers of the right nature with other born-again believers and with Christ.

B. _____ nature

- **divine** = godlike
- **nature** = growth / disposition

Because we have the right faith and the right knowledge, we can therefore grow and ultimately share Christ's godlike disposition.

Not only do we now have a divine nature through our faith and knowledge of Christ, and not only have we been given the Holy Spirit to indwell us all because we have believed on Jesus Christ and are saved ... but now, those exceeding great and precious promises which apply to us, are also ours to claim!

Do you have the right faith, the right knowledge, and the right nature this morning?



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2 Peter 1:1-4

Can anyone and everyone claim God's promises found in the Scriptures? Can one who has never believed on Jesus Christ claim the promise of eternal life? Will one who has believed on Jesus Christ, be subject to God's promise of Hell?

This morning, our focus will not be on the actual promises that God makes to the Christian in the Bible, but rather it will be on why the Christian can claim God's exceed great and precious promises.

Let's discover three encouraging reasons why the born-again believer can claim, cling to, and expect to receive God's exceeding great and precious promises.

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First, we can claim God's promises because we have...

I: The Right _____: v1

In verse 1, Peter refers to obtaining and having a precious faith and then he identifies what make the Christian faith precious.

A. the _____ of our faith:

Ephesians 2:19-22

The right faith is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, i.e. the Word of God, with Christ being the Chief cornerstone.

B. the _____ of our faith

Peter is writing to them that have obtained *like precious faith **with us***. As believers, we have in common and are in fellowship, not only with other born-again Believers and the apostles, but also with Christ Himself.

C. a _____ faith

● **righteousness** = holiness / purity / perfection

The right faith is not based upon what we do or have done because **all have sinned and come short of the glory of God**. But rather it is based upon Christ ... **who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him**.

And so, when Peter says **4 Whereby are given unto us exceed- ing great and precious promises ...** that isn't a blanket state- ment that applies to just anyone but it applies specifically and exclusively to those with the right faith.

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Secondly, we can claim God's promises because we have ...

II: The Right _____: v2-3

knowledge = full acknowledgement / recognition / discern- ment of

If we are to understand why we can rightfully claim God's promises we have to have a knowledge of ...

A. God's _____

Grace can be defined as God's unmerited favor. Without God's grace, we really have nothing, including His promises because His grace is the foundation of His promises.

B. God's _____

Peace comes to us by way of God's grace. And you can't have peace with God without grace from God.

C. God's _____

What good is it to claim a promise from a God who is not pow- erful enough to keep His promise? We have a powerful God! And by way of His power He gives us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

We can claim the promises of God because we know Jesus Christ and the Father. We know of His grace because He is full of truth and grace. We know of His peace because we have experienced His peace even in those storms of life. And we know of His power because all we have to do is look at His cre- ation as an example of His power.
