

“The Real Deal”
(#22 in the “*Practical Preaching From The Pen Of Peter*” series)

II Peter 1:1-4

- I. Peter’s _____ as the “*real deal*”
_____ (II Peter 1:1a)
- a. His _____: Unlike in his previous letter, he uses his _____ name- the one his parents gave him and the one Jesus gave him.
- b. His position
- i. His _____: First and foremost, Peter considered himself Christ’s _____. (“*Servant*” here = “*bondslave*”) (John 12:26b – “...*if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.*”)
- ii. His _____: However, Peter also needed them to know/remember that he was one of the 12 chosen _____ of Jesus Christ.
- II. Peter’s _____ of the “*real deal*”
_____ (II Peter 1:1b-2)
- a. His _____ (vs. 1b): Specifically, Peter wrote this letter to the same audience as his previous letter- a group of both _____ and _____ believers. However, in general, it applies to all who share the same faith as Peter and the other apostles. They have responded to and received the _____ Gospel.
- i. “*that have obtained*”: This is in the Greek tense meaning “*once for all*”- an indication of eternal _____.
- ii. “*precious faith*”: This is an indication of the great eternal _____ of salvation.
- iii. “*through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*”: This highlights the truth that genuine salvation only comes through _____, not ourselves. (Romans 1:16-17 – “*16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*”)

- b. His _____ (vs. 2): As he had in his first letter, Peter prayed that that they would experience and enjoy the blessings of God found in real salvation. He wanted them to have a full, _____, experiential knowledge of God through Christ- not just a _____ knowledge!

- III. Peter’s _____ to a “*real deal*”
_____ (II Peter 1:3-4)
- a. His _____: Peter wanted them to be confident and grounded enough in the “*real deal*” Gospel that they _____ *it out* on a daily basis. (Proverbs 3:5-6 – “*5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*”)
- b. His _____: Accordingly, Peter reminds them of 2 things they need to take full advantage of.
- i. The _____ of God (vs. 3)
- i. If you are truly saved, then you *already have* everything that you need to live a Godly life- God has already made those resources _____ to you! (Philippians 4:13 – “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*”)
- ii. In a nutshell, “*real deal*” Christianity leads to _____!
- ii. The _____ of God (vs. 4)
- i. We as believers *have been* given precious promises that allow us to enjoy our salvation _____.
- ii. 2 reasons these promises are precious:
- a. They’re evidence of our _____. As we continually go through the sanctification process, our nature becomes more and more like His- a process that will be completed at our _____. (II Corinthians 5:17 – “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*”)
- b. They’re evidence of our _____. We have been freed from the _____ of sin- we no longer have to be slaves to our fleshly, selfish lusts!