## Precious Faith

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## Introduction

- 1. 2 Peter 1:1
- 2. There are seven precious things in 1 & 2 Peter and interesting study
- 3. Today we are going to study precious faith
- 4. The word faith is used to denote a body of truth Galatians 1:23 or doctrine which is to be believed Jude 3
- 5. It is also the activity of heart whereby "the faith" is believed Romans 10:17
- 6. Faith is also something believe from an reliable source John 20:30-32; Hebrews 11:1
- 7. In a day of doubt and unbelief we need to see why faith is precious

## **II Discussion**

- 1. Faith is precious because of the company it keeps 2 Peter 1:1
  - 1. Notice the with us in this verse
  - 2. We are told to follow or imitate the faith of God's men Hebrews 13:7
  - 3. Faith puts us into the company of Able who worshiped God acceptably Hebrews 11:4
  - 4. Faith puts us into the company of Enoch who pleased God Hebrews 11:5
  - 5. Faith puts us into the company of Noah who saved his house Hebrews 11:6
  - 6. Faith puts us into the company of Abraham who was called the friend of God Hebrews 11:8-10; James 2:23
  - 7. Faith puts us into the company of Moses who forsook Egypt is serve God and have respect for the reward Hebrews 11:24-26
- 2. Faith is precious because of the salvation it make possible 1 Peter 1:9
  - 1. The "end" of faith is the salvation of the soul 1 Peter 1:9
  - 2. Salvation meant deliverance from the power and consequence of sin, to make safe from danger or destruction Mark 16:16 compared to Luke 24:46-47; 1 Peter 1:9
  - 3. God's way of making men righteous through Christ is revealed from faith to faith Romans 1:17; 5:1 personal faith is necessary also
  - 4. The eternal salvation in heaven is described as an inheritance 1 Peter 1:3-5, it is incorruptible, undefiled and never fades
- 3. Faith is precious because of the hope in inspires Hebrews 11:1
  - 1. Faith is the substance, it stands under, hope
  - 2. Hope is a complex emotion, defined as desire mingled with expectation
  - 3. The value of hope is often sung in Whispering hope
  - 4. Hope is the anchor of the soul Hebrews 6:19-20
  - 5. Hope causes the child of God to purify himself from the world 1 John 3:1-3

## **III Conclusion**

- 1. Since faith is precious, it should be guarded
- 2. Some do not and allow other to shipwreck their faith 1 Timothy 1:19-20
- 3. Have a precious faith because it will enrich your life now and inspire hope for the future
- 4. Now is the time to activate that faith by believing repenting confess and being baptized
- 5. Come now!

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