

Stand Fast

2 Peter 1:3-15 / You Already Have it All
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I. Knowing We Have All Things (vss.3-4)

- We already have all things that pertain to life and godliness (v.3).
- The Christian life is about true knowledge of God.
- We MUST have and desire knowledge of God (v. 4; 2 Pet. 3:18).
- God's promises are precious and very great (v.4).
- We can become partakers of the divine nature (v.4).
- We can escape the corruption of the world and sinful desires (v.4; Rom. 6:1).
- All the promises of God are YES in Christ (2 Cor. 1:20).
- When we trust in the precious and very great promises of God we can escape the corruption of the world and our own sinful desires in regards to any and every sin and any and every trial we face (Ps. 90:14).
- Jesus is more than enough (Jn. 4:13-14; 6:35; 10:10; Jer. 2:13; Ps. 16:11; 73:25).

II. Living Like We Have All Things (vss.5-11)

- We must make every effort; growing in Christ is not an option (v.5).
- Living by faith leads to a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit (v.5-8; Gal. 5:22-23).
- Are you a professor or a possessor? You NEED to know (v.9-10).
- If you have repented and believed you will enter heaven (Jn. 14:6; Acts 20:21).

III. Being Reminded We Have All Things (vss.12-15)

- We need daily reminders of the precious and very great gospel promises that we have in Christ, and we must apply them to our lives for God's glory (2 Cor. 1:20).
- The gospel is the answer to every sin struggle and to trusting God in every trial.
- The gospel is of first importance (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- Pray, teach and preach the gospel to yourself every morning before your feet hit the floor.

Know: Know that you have already been given everything you need for life and godliness in Christ. Know his precious and very great promises and apply them.

Do: Grow in the knowledge of God and what we already have. Live like you have all things. Be reminded of the gospel multiple times daily and apply the gospel to your life. Don't waste your life looking for anything else because if you are in Christ you already have it all.

Suggested Reading:

Gospel Treason, by Brad Bigney

Knowing God, by J.I. Packer

A Gospel Primer, by Milton Vincent

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read 2 Peter 1:3-15

1. What did you find most encouraging, challenging, and/or convicting from the sermon? Why? How will you apply this?
2. What idols are you tempted to chase after in your life? In what ways does your life show that you do not believe Jesus is enough? (Hint: All of us need regular accountability with someone concerning our idols Prov. 27:17; Heb. 10:23-25.)
3. Read verses 3-4 and 2 Cor. 1:20. What does it mean that we have all things in Christ? Go around the room at least once and have everyone mention one of the precious and very great promises that we have in Christ and how they specifically apply that promise.
4. In what ways have you been like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz and have been missing it?
5. Read verses 5-7. What are you doing to make every effort to have these qualities in your life? What do you need to do?
6. Read verses 9-11. How have you been diligent to confirm your calling and election?
7. What does it mean that the gospel is the answer to every sin struggle and every trial? How can we apply the gospel to our sin and trials? (Hint: Consider the example from the sermon concerning forgiving others.) Work together as a group as to how a person can apply the precious and very great gospel promises to a trial or a particular sin.
8. Read verses 12-15. How can you make sure you are reminded multiple times every day of the gospel and to live a godly life out of gratitude for the gospel? Why is this so important? (Consider reading Ps. 33:18; 90:14; Rom. 8:28-39; Eph. 3:14-21.)