



## **Faith is:**

- **Equally precious**  
*"...a faith as precious as ours" (v.1)*
  
- **A gift**  
*"To those... who have received"*
  
- **From a Saviour**  
*"...through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ"*

## **Personal knowledge**

*"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." (v.2)*

## **Powerful knowledge**

*"His divine power... through our knowledge of him who called us." (v.3)*

*"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."*

*1 Peter 1:8*

## **Precious promises**

*"He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may..."*

- **Escape corruption**
  
- **Participate in the divine nature**

## **'Furnishing your faith'**

*"For this reason make every effort to add to (or 'furnish') your faith..."*

- **Goodness (v.5)**

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10*

- Knowledge

See also: Romans 8:32

- Self-control (v.6)

- Perseverance

: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

- Godliness – Our love for the things of God and our **walk** in the ways of God

- Brotherly kindness/affection (v.7)

- Love (*last but not least!*)

### **Being fruitful together (v.8)**

*“For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

### **A plea and a promise (v.10-11)**

*“Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do all these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”*

Get thinking/prep for growth group

*What precious promises can you find in the Bible?*



## Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk. Listen at: [bit.ly/hsbctalks](https://bit.ly/hsbctalks)

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

### 1. Read 2 Peter, chapter 1, verse 1:

- Why might we be surprised to read that our faith is just as 'precious' and valuable as Peter's?
- How do you think your faith compares to his? What, if any, differences are there?

### 2. Read verses 2-3.

- How would you describe your knowledge of God – Personal? Powerful?
- What difference does it make to know you are 'called' by God?

### 3. Read verse 4.

- What 'great and precious promises' do we have from God? Are there any particular promises / verses that have helped you in some way?
- How might knowing certain promises of God help you 'escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires'?

### 4. Read verses 5-7.

- Which of the 7 qualities do you find hardest to develop?
- Do we really need to 'make every effort' in these areas?
- What do verses 8 and 9 suggest are the results (positive and negative)?

5. Read verses 10-11 How might the promises of these final verses motivate you to keep going in your faith?

*Spend some time praying over any of the challenges these questions have raised or highlighted for you.*