

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1

Lesson 4

PRECIOUS THINGS

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PRECIOUS: 1) Of great value or of great worth. 2) Things which are rare.

1. PRECIOUS FAITH (2 Peter 1:1)

The day you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, everything about your life became better.

Rare is the person who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

Many lands have a minuscule number of Christians in the population.

Census results don't give an accurate picture. Many people who have not placed their faith in Jesus Christ consider themselves "Christians."

2. THE PRECIOUS WORD OF THE LORD (1 Samuel 3:1)

If you have a Holy Bible, you have the very words of Almighty God. There is no document of more value: It gives life's instructions on how to go to heaven and how to live life on earth in the mean time.

It "**shall not pass away.**" (Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31)

People have given their lives in order to proclaim the words of the Lord to someone else. (*Fox's Book of Martyrs.*)

God values His word above his own name (Psalm 138:2)

God communicates with man through His written words. There is "**no open vision**" (1 Sam. 3:1).

3. THE PRECIOUS LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 Peter 2:3-4, 7)

Jesus is the only one who can give you life, save your soul, forgive your sins, and take you to Heaven.

He is the only one who can guide our daily lives in the way of true righteousness.

He is worth more than every religious leader combined.

He is worth more than everyone that ever lived—plus their good deeds.

4. THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST (1 Peter 1:18-19)

This was the payment for your soul (1 Cor. 6:20). It paid your sin debt. It satisfied the demands of a holy God (1 Jn. 2:2). Nothing else in this world can do that. Our blood is no good because its tainted with sin.

5. PRECIOUS REDEMPTION (Psalm 49:5-8)

There is nothing in this world that is worth as much as your soul (Mark 8:36). The greatest gift you can give a person is the information they need to be redeemed. Give them the gospel. Your riches can't provide redemption for your brother, but your words could. Don't waste the opportunity to preach the gospel.

6. PRECIOUS LIFE (Proverbs 6:26)

God gave you one life to live. It will pass you by like a vapor (James 4:14). Make sure you don't sit by and waste it. Do something for the Lord today. Don't wait till you get to Heaven to praise, worship, and serve the Lord.

7. THE PRECIOUS SEED OF THE GOSPEL (Psalm 126:5-6)

There's ONE thing that the world needs that we can give them. God said if you'll GO—bearing precious SEED—it will accomplish something. Don't be ashamed of the Gospel. It's the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). Preach the gospel to someone. Someone will get saved!

8. THE PRECIOUS DEATH OF THE LORD'S SAINTS (Psalm 116:15)

From God's viewpoint, He is looking forward to the day that you join him in Heaven; free from sin, sorrows, sadness, troubles, burdens, etc.

From our standpoint, we ought to aim to glorify the Lord in the way we leave this life. There should be no "skeletons in the closet" (sins) to find after we're gone.

Glorify the Lord with your dying breath and show the unbeliever that there is a difference in the death of a believer. Go out with a smile on your face, blessings on your lips, and peace in your heart.
