

Protect Your Faith – Part 4

Scripture Reading: II Peter 1:2-11

Here is a short version of the main points on how to protect your faith:

Faith will Desire God's Word and Experience God through Scripture

The Word of God – I Peter 2:1-3 – Develop an appetite for God's Word that is like that of a newborn babe (Matthew 4:1-4).

The Spirit of God – Romans 8:8-18 – Develop a working relationship with God's indwelling Spirit, so that you operate with His power and perspective (Galatians 2:20).

The Son of God – Romans 16:25-27 – Develop a Christ-centered / Gospel-centered approach to your study of God's word. Progress from milk to solid food (Hebrews 5:8 – 6:3).

The Grace of God – II Peter 1:2-11 – Develop the disciplines that should accompany a strong growing faith. Make sure that your knowledge & faith are fruitful (II Timothy 2:1-7).

Details for II Peter 1:2-11 - As you cooperate with God and apply yourself to the Scriptures and seek to build your faith, you will experience the grace of God ministering to you – confirming you, strengthening you, and protecting you. See John 10:27-29; I Corinthians 1:3-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Colossians 2:6-10; Jude 1:20-21; I Thessalonians 5:16-24; James 4:6, 8a, 10; II Timothy 4:18.

Note for II Peter 1:5 & 11

II Peter 1:5 says that we should **add** to our faith – supply/supplement our faith. There is a Greek word used, here, that means “To supply lavishly.” The same Greek word is used again in II Peter 1:11. Here it tells us that God will **minister/supply/provide** an entrance into His heavenly kingdom with welcome and reward.

Summary: If you take gospel knowledge, with its exceeding great and precious promises, found in God's word (**II Peter 1:2-4**) and add to your faith those things that are listed in **II Peter 1:5-7**, you will be able to make sure of your true relationship with God and also be sure of rich reward in heaven (**II Peter 1:8-11**). See II Corinthians 13:5.

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