

2 Peter 1:5-11 Presence Under the Tree

[Series Slide — Slide 1 Butterfly & Rainbow]

[Partaking of Precious Promises – 2 Peter]

1:2 May grace and perfect peace cascade over you as you **live** in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Turn to the cross and put yourself under its salvific work!

Take up our cross and follow Jesus!

We want a presence under the tree, the tree of the Cross. His Presence and His Cross!

We enter His Gates Thanksgiving

We enter His Courts with Praise

We enter His Throne Room with Worship

In our class on Tuesday, *Hosting the Presence* with Bill Johnson, We learned:

[1] In Redemption, we are restored to an identity GREATER than before the Fall.

[2] The enemy enters our lives through AGREEMENT.

[3] We EMPOWER the liar through our agreement with his lies.

[4] We have been called by God to be PRIESTS unto the Lord.

[5] Two ministries of priests:

a. To GOD.

b. To PEOPLE.

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[6] Two ministries to people:

- a. To BELIEVERS.
- b. To the WORLD.

[7] We always BECOME like whatever we worship.

[8] Thanksgiving is our response to God's ACTS.

[9] Praise is focused on God's WORTH.

[10] In worship, we are the SACRIFICE.

We are invited to partake of the promises, to live out the gifts from God.

Climb with Jesus,

[Slide 2 People Rejoicing Coming to the Cross]

Live Life with the Lord.

Take your Life to the Cross, the Tree of Calvary.

Come to steadfast JOY!

Partake of the Presence Under the Tree:

[I] Climb Faith's Ladder of Virtue

[II] Fruitful or Unfruitful? New Life or Blindness?

[III] Validate Your Pass!

[Last Week] Introduction and Greeting

2 Peter 1:1-4 The Passion Translation (TPT)

1 Through the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ [you] have been given a faith as equally precious as a **loving** servant and an apostle [ours]

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² May grace and perfect peace cascade over you as you **live** in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

God's Generous Grace

³ By his divine power God has already deposited in us everything we could ever need for life and complete devotion to God.

For all this was lavished upon us through a glorious manifestation of his goodness and through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him.

⁴ As a result of this, he has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price,

You have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world through ***the power of*** these tremendous promises so you can experience partnership with the divine nature,

Romans 13:14 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁴ Instead fully immerse yourselves into ^[a] Or be “fully clothed with”[]] the Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, and don't waste even a moment's thought on your former identity to awaken its selfish desires.

Promise made and kept forever by Jesus!

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Lot's Wife, don't look back!

It paralyzes and entraps you.

Don't be a pillar, be a partaker.

Move with Jesus!

[Slide 3 Ladder Reaching To Heaven with Virtues]

Partake of the Presence Under the Tree:

[I] Climb Faith's Ladder of Virtue

Genesis 28:12 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

¹² He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

John 1:51 The Passion Translation (TPT)

⁵¹ **I prophesy to you eternal truth: From now on you will see an open heaven and gaze upon the Son of Man like a stairway reaching into the sky with the messengers of God climbing up and down upon him!"**

This is an obvious reference to "Jacob's Ladder" as the fulfillment of his dream found in Gen. 28:10-22. Jesus Christ is that stairway that joins earth to heaven and brings heaven to earth. The word for "angels" can be translated "messengers" and could be humans given access into the heavenly realm

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through the blood of Jesus. Jesus, as the stairway, is both in heaven and on earth as he speaks this to Nathanael. What mysteries surround him!

We are Given Supernatural Faith by God.

He bears fruit in us.

He helps us climb His ladder of Faith and Virtuous Life.

Ladder of Being, that leads to Doing.

Out of our faith comes life, out of trust and belief comes thought, fruit and action.

2 Peter 1:5-11 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Faith's Ladder of Virtue

New Math

1+1 = 1 with the Lord.

100% from man + 100% from woman = Good Marriage

1+Jesus =  Infinity!

⁵ So devote yourselves^[a]

Or “by having added your intense effort.” The Aramaic can be translated “by being under the weight of all these gifts.”

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[JEP] “Weight” can be thought of as “weighty” or “majestic”

to lavishly supplementing^[b]

The Greek word *epichorēgeo* means “to fully support the chorus” or “to completely choreograph.”

[JEP] Cooperate, partner, participate.

your faith with goodness,^[c]

Or “integrity, virtues of courage, nobleness, and moral valor.”

and to goodness add understanding,

⁶ and to understanding add the strength of self-control,

and to self-control add patient endurance,
and to patient endurance add godliness,^[d]

Or “reverence.”

⁷ and to godliness add mercy toward your brothers and sisters,^[e]

As translated from the Aramaic and implied in the Greek. This mercy would include forgiveness and forbearance to those who fail.

and to mercy toward others add unending love.^[f]

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It is possible to view this passage like an unfolding of faith. “Out of your faith will emerge goodness, and out of goodness will emerge understanding (of God), and out of understanding (of God) will emerge inner strength (self-control), and out of inner strength will emerge patient endurance, and out of patient endurance will emerge godliness, and out of godliness will emerge mercy toward your brothers and sisters, and out of mercy will emerge love.” It is also possible to view this passage as a mathematical equation. Faith + goodness = understanding. Goodness + understanding = inner strength. Understanding + inner strength = patience. Inner strength + patience = godliness. Patience + godliness = mercy. And godliness + mercy = love.

[Slide 4 Fruit on the Vine]

[II] Fruitful or Unfruitful? New Life or Blindness?

⁸ Since these virtues are already *planted* deep within,^[g]

The Greek word *hyparchō* means to “begin below” (or “within,” like a plant growing beneath the ground).

Remember, they are deposited by God in you.

and you possess them in abundant supply,^[h]

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Or “abounding” (repeatedly being more than enough).

they will keep you from being inactive or fruitless in your pursuit of knowing Jesus Christ more intimately. ⁹ But if anyone lacks these things, he is blind, constantly closing his eyes to the mysteries of our faith, ¹¹

Although the Greek word *myōpazō* can mean “nearsighted,” it is a compound word taken from the base word *mystērion* (mystery), and *optonomai* (to look upon, to behold). The implication is that when the virtues of the divine nature are not flourishing in believers, it is because they are “closing [their] eyes” to the mysteries of our faith, i.e., Christ in us, the hope of glory. See [Col. 1:27](#).

Colossians 1:27 The Passion Translation (TPT)

²⁷ Living within you is the Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for his people, and God wants everyone to know it!

[JEP] Don't forget to forget!

Forget past sin.

Remember the cleansing of past sins.

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Rejoice.

[Slide 5 Dogwalker]

Walk the Dog.

God gave you promises and deposited godliness in you. Gifts. It is like getting a puppy. If you feed the dog, love it, walk it, play, teach, and nurture, you get an amazing companion.

You are given faith and relationship. Nurture it. Walk with Jesus every day, like you would go with your dog, walk your prayer life, your thankfulness life, your praise life, your worship life.

Grow a BIG DOG.

Stand and walk and live In the promises God has given us.

Get a whole herd of dogs!

Like those dogwalkers with 7 dogs on a leash!

Or you can feed the dogs of pain, suffering, sin, shame, death.

[Slide 6 Choose Jesus, Choose Life]

You choose which to feed. YOU decide.

Do you give victory to Jesus or the Devil? You are making that choice.

Eager!

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Confirm the call and election.

Who is your president?

King Jesus!

He is King by right, by purchase.

He is our leader because He chose us.

He paid it all.

Entry into the Kingdom Now!

Knowledge, Effort, Stability, and Remembering.

Earnest moral striving based on knowledge of God and His promises.

Your divine nature given by God contrasts to the corruption of your previous sin life.

Let it die!

Consciously choose Jesus as your source of life and think about Him, His Promises and His Life for you.

Satan and his minions know that they are banished for an eternity in hell.

So they are doing all they can to try to take you with them. To make you discredit yourself because that's the only power they have—deception, enticing you to see you giving up all that God has for you so that you too will be like them in the lake of fire for eternity.

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And if you are going to heaven, they want to weaken you so that you are ineffective for the kingdom and don't counter their efforts in others's lives.

and forgetting *his innocence*—for his past sins have been washed away.^[i]

The Aramaic can be translated “he is still searching for the purification of his original sins.”

[Slide 7 Keys to the Kingdom]

Partake of the Presence Under the Tree:

[III] Validate Your Pass

¹⁰ For this reason, beloved ones,^[k]

Or “brothers [and sisters].”

be eager to confirm and validate^[l]

The Aramaic adds the phrase “by your good deeds.” The implication is that by developing the virtues Peter has spoken of in vv. 3–7, we validate God's calling and choice of us.

that God has invited you *to salvation*^[m]

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We have a confident assurance that we have been chosen and called to salvation by God himself. This is a firm foundation on which to build our lives. We can grow in that confidence as we see the work of the Spirit bearing spiritual fruit through our lives.

See [Gal. 5:22-23](#); [2 Tim. 2:19](#); [1 John 3:10, 14](#). The Greek for “invited you” is *klēsis*, which means “to invite [summon] to a feast.”

Galatians 5:22-23 The Passion Translation (TPT)

²²⁻²³ But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions:

joy that overflows,
peace that subdues,
patience that endures,
kindness in action,
a life full of virtue,
faith that prevails,
gentleness of heart, and
strength of spirit.

Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless.

2 Timothy 2:19 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁹ But the firm foundation of God has written upon it these two inscriptions: “The Lord God recognizes those who are truly his!” and, “Everyone who

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worships the name of the Lord Jesus must forsake wickedness!”

1 John 3:10 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁰ Here is how God’s children can be clearly distinguished from the children of the Evil One. Anyone who does not demonstrate righteousness and show love to fellow believers is not living with God as his source.

John 3:14 The Passion Translation (TPT)

God’s Love for Everyone

¹⁴ **“And just as Moses in the desert lifted up the brass replica of a snake on a pole *for all the people to see and be healed*, so the Son of Man is ready to be lifted up,**

and claimed you^[n]

The Greek word for “claimed as his own” is *eklogē* (from his *logos* word). God spoke and you were his. You are meant to be a “chosen word” from his mouth, and you will not return to him void, but you will accomplish what he has destined for you to do.

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as his own. If you do these things, you will never stumble. ¹¹ As a result, the kingdom's gates will open wide to you as God choreographs^[o]

This is the Greek word *epichorēgeo*, which can mean “richly provide” (for the choir) or “choreograph.” The Lord of the dance will richly welcome you into his eternal kingdom. See Zech. [3:1-7](#).

Zechariah 3:1-7 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Joshua, the High Priest

3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. **2** The LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?” **3** Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel. **4** He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” Again he said to him, “See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes.” **5** Then I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head

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and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by.

⁶ And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, ⁷ “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among these who are standing *here*.

your triumphant entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Messiah.

[Slide 8 – People Rejoicing at the Cross]

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[Slide 9 – Bible Verses 5-7]

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Faith’s Ladder of Virtue

⁵ So devote yourselves to lavishly supplementing your faith with goodness, and to goodness add understanding,

⁶ and to understanding add the strength of self-

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control,

and to self-control add patient endurance,

and to patient endurance add godliness,

⁷ and to godliness add mercy toward your brothers and sisters,

and to mercy toward others add unending love.

[Slide 10 – Bible Verses 8-9]

⁸ Since these virtues are already *planted* deep within, and you possess them in abundant supply, they will keep you from being inactive or fruitless in your pursuit of knowing Jesus Christ more intimately.

⁹ But if anyone lacks these things, he is blind, constantly closing his eyes to the mysteries of our faith, and forgetting *his innocence*—for his past sins have been washed away.

[Slide 11 – Bible Verses 10-11]

¹⁰ For this reason, beloved ones, be eager to confirm and validate that God has invited you *to salvation* and claimed you as his own. If you do these things, you will never stumble. ¹¹ As a result, the kingdom's gates will open wide to you as God choreographs your triumphant entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Messiah.

[Slide 12 – Series Benediction Bible Verse 2 Peter 1:2]

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Altar Call Opportunity

Benediction:

2 Peter 1:2 TPT

2 Peter 1:2 May grace and perfect peace cascade over you as you *live* in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

No Board of Elders Meeting today. Enjoy time with Friends and Family.

Tonight, Sunday at 4 PM Way of the Master Class in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Ignite Youth and Adults are doing Hosting the Presence at 6:30pm. {Childcare is provided}

Wednesday 6:45 Spanish-Language Service, Adult Bible Study (in English), Royal Rangers & Girls's Bible Ministries. {Childcare is provided}

Friday 11-1 Prayer