

**“Understanding Our Authentic Faith” 7/19/09**

**2 Peter 1:1-4**

**Studies in 2 Peter- “Avoiding the Snare of False Teaching”**

**What is your most valuable possession**

**COUNTERFEITING protection; Chinese boy and JADE**

**BACKGROUND of letter- To the ELECT; 1 Peter 1:2 and 2 Peter 1:10**

**POINT 1-** To understand true faith we must recognize its SOURCE

- A. The source of our salvation is rooted in God’s INITIATION  
(Luke 1:9; Phil 1:29; Eph 1:4; 2:8-9; Acts 13:48; 16:14; John 15:16; 6:70)
- B. The source of our salvation is rooted in God’s equal DISTRIBUTION  
(John 14:6; Gal 3:28; Acts 11:15-17; Matt 11:28; Rom 10:12-13; Rev 1:6)
- C. The source of our salvation is rooted in God’s RIGHTEOUSNESS  
(Isaiah 64:6; Rom 3:23; 2 Cor 5:21; Phil 3:9; Rom 3:22; 1 Cor 1:30)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to be able to discern His truth about salvation’s source!*

**POINT 2-** To understand true faith we must recognize its SUBSTANCE

**STATS- 5% could name 10 commandments; 60% + didn’t prodigal or Samaritan story**

- A. The substance of our salvation is rooted in knowledge of GOD  
(Hosea 2:20; 6:4; Jeremiah 2:8; 31:34; Gal 4:9; John 17:3; Matt 7:21-23)
- B. The substance of our salvation is rooted in knowledge about GOD  
(1 Pet 1:23-25; James 1:18; Rom 10:17; John 15:3; 1 Cor 15:1-3; Jude 1:3)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to be able to articulate the substance of our faith!*

**POINT 3-** To understand true faith we must recognize its SUFFICIENCY

- A. The sufficiency of our salvation is rooted in God’s POWER  
(1 Peter 1:5; John 10:28-29; 1 John 3:9; 5:18; John 17:17; 2 Cor 9:8)
- B. The sufficiency of our salvation is rooted in God’s PROMISES  
(1 Cor 10:13; Phil 1:6; Rom 8:28-39; Ephesians 1:3; Hebrews 6:12)

Spiritual life (Rom 8:9-13); Resurrection life (John 11:25; Phil 3:10); Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33; Eph 1:13); Abundant Grace (Rom 5:15, 20; 2 Cor 12:9); Joy (John 15:11); God’s presence (Heb 13:5); Love (Rom 5:5); Strength (Phil 4:13); Guidance (John 16:13); Instruction (Ps 32:8; John 14:26); Wisdom (James 1:5; Heaven (John 14:1-3); Eternal Rewards (1 Tim 4:8; James 1:12); Peace (John 14:27; Phil 4:6-7)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to understand the sufficiency of the precious faith He has given to us!*