

Sermon Notes – April 23, 2023

Be A Christian: We Have It All! (2 Peter 1:1-4) (Ephesians 1)

- I. We have a faith equal in value with the Apostles. (*Vs. 1*)
 - A. Equal in salvation.
 - 1. The name of Simeon. (*Acts 15:14*)
 - B. Equal in citizenship.
 - 1. Both Jew and Gentile. (*Ephesians 2:11-22*)

- II. We have a personal knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. (*Vss. 2,3*)
 - A. We can know.
 - 1. Paul knew the person of Christ. (*2 Timothy 1:12*)
 - B. We can grow.
 - 1. Grow into maturity through the knowledge of Christ. (*Ephesians 4:11-16*)
 - 2. Grow in grace and peace through the knowledge of Christ.
(*Philippians 1:2; 4:4-9*) (Epignosis=full or mature knowledge).

- III. We have the precious promises of God. (*Vs. 4*)
 - A. Based on His covenants.
 - 1. The promise of the Holy Spirit. (*Galatians 3:14,22; Ephesians 1:13*)
 - 2. The promise of our eternal home. (*Hebrews 9:15*)
 - B. The ability to participate with His divine nature.
 - 1. The power of God for eternity. (*2 Corinthians 13:1-4*)
 - 2. The holiness of God for living. (*Hebrews 12:10*)
 - C. The ability to escape corruption.
 - 1. Like Lot leaving Sodom and Gomorrah. (*Genesis 19:15-29*)
 - 2. Like the righteous who escape the wrath to come. (*1 Thessalonians 1:9,10; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-12*)