

# Notes used in the Message

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### II PETER 1:1-10

- » **1** † ¶ Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:**
- » **2** † Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- » **3** † According as his **divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- » **4** † Whereby are **given** unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- » **5** † ¶ **And beside this, giving all diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- » **6** † And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
- » **7** † And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- » **8** † **For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- » **9** † **But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**
- » **10** † **Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

### EPHESIANS 4:11-16

- » **11** † And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- » **12** † For the **perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**
- » **13** † **Till** we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto **the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**
- » **14** † That we henceforth be **no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- » **15** † But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**
- » **16** † From whom the whole body **fitly joined together** and **compact**ed by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of **every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

### ZECHARIAH 6:12

- » **12** † And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall **grow up** out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

### ZECHARIAH 4:7-10

- » **7** † Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth **the headstone** thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.
- » **8** † Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- » **9** † The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.
- » **10** † For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of **Zerubbabel with those seven**; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

### ISAIAH 28:16

- » **16** † Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, **I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation**: he that believeth shall not make haste.

### EPHESIANS 2:19-22

- » **19** † Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- » **20** † And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**
- » **21** † **In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord;**
- » **22** † In whom ye also **are builded** together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

### I PETER 2:1-10

- » **1** † ¶ Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- » **2** † As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, **that ye may grow thereby:**
- » **3** † If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- » **4** † ¶ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
- » **5** † Ye also, as **lively stones**, are **built up** a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- » **6** † Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, **Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.**
- » **7** † Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, **the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,**
- » **8** † And a **stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.**
- » **9** † But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should **shew** forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- » **10** † Which in time past were not a people, **but are now the people of God:** which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

### GALATIANS 3:21-29

- » **21** † Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
- » **22** † But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.
- » **23** † But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.
- » **24** † Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
- » **25** † **But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.**
- » **26** † **For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**
- » **27** † For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- » **28** † There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- » **29** † And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### GALATIANS 4:1-7

- » **1** † ¶ Now I say, That the **heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;**
- » **2** † **But is under tutors and governors** until the time appointed of the father.
- » **3** † Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
- » **4** † But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
- » **5** † To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
- » **6** † And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
- » **7** † Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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« 31 † Now we are approaching The Seven Seals. We have just finished The Seven Church Ages. And this is a Message on teaching, **that ties the man in**, that's going to be redeemed by the Blood of the Lord Jesus, and is going to be in that Church age, that Eternal Church age at the end of the Seals.

« 33 † So now, let us read now, First Peter, or... Second Peter, rather, the 1st chapter, portion of It. Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

**34 I like the way that's stated right there, because my whole subject this morning is based on faith. See? Let me read that again. Listen close.**

*Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that obtain--obtained like precious faith... through the righteousness of God... our Saviour and Jesus Christ:*

**35 Notice, He is saying, that, "I have obtained this faith, and I'm addressing this to them that has obtained the like precious faith." I want... It's not to the outside world. This is to the Church, see, those that are in Christ.**

*Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and (through) of Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*According as his divine power has given unto us all things... his divine power now has given unto us all things that pertain unto life... godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue:*

*Whereby are we given unto... given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (these promises) we might be partakers of the divine nature,...*

« 36 † Now let that soak real deep now. Not preaching this morning; we just teaching this lesson. **"Divine nature."** Let me read that 4th verse again now, so you won't miss it. "Whereby we are given..."

*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (these promises) we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

**37** See, "the world," we've escaped that now. He's **addressing this to the Church. That's why we're here this morning, is to find out what is the way, what is God's requirement.** There's not a person in here, that loves God, but wants to--wants to become more like Christ. **Now it's laid out here.** Every Christian! I'm an old veteran. Look at Brother and Sister Kidd here, they're probably the oldest in the building. But if I'd ask them, "What is your heart's desire?" It'd be, "Closer to God." When you learn of Christ, there's something about Him that's so loving, you just try to get right into Him.

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« 50 † "And having escaped the corruption of the world." Having escaped that, the lust and corruption of the world, you're above that. Now that's--now that's the type of person that He's talking to, the person that has escaped these things, see, the corruption of the world.

*And besides this, giving all diligence, add unto your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

*And to knowledge temperance;... to temperance patience;... to patience godliness;*

*And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

« 51 † **Now He has given us the outline here what to do, know how to do it.** Now, as I said, we all are trying to come closer to God. That's why I chose this Message this morning, for the church

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**69** What is the Tabernacle now? A Body, God tabernacling in a Body.

**70** God once, up high, when He come down on the mountain, even if a--a bullock or a cow touched the mountain, he must be killed. God is holy.

**71** Last evening, when those Angels covered Their faces. Holy Seraphims with holy faces, don't even know what sin means, and They have to cover Their face, in the Presence of God; cover Their feet, in humility.

**72** Now, holy God could not condone sin, so nothing could touch the mountain where God was.

**73** Then God was made flesh and dwelt among us, in the form of Jesus Christ, His Son, His creation. Then that Son gave His life, and the Blood cell of God was broken, that the Life might come out of the Blood, to us.

**74 Through that Blood we are cleansed. And now our blood, our life, which came by living through sexual desire, brought our life in the world. The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us, changes our nature, by sending upon us the Holy Spirit; then we become into the Divine nature of God, then we become a dwelling place for God.** Jesus said, "At that day you'll know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me." See?

« 75 † Know how that God is in His Church. The Church is now supposed to be taking the place of Christ, carrying on His ministry. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; yet you shall see Me, for I will be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." See? There it is, carrying on His work.

« **76** † Now, God, or the Bible said here, that. Stephen spoke of Solomon building a temple, "And the Most High don't dwell in temples made with hands. 'For Heaven is My Throne, and earth is My footstool. And where is the place of My rest?' 'But a Body has Thou prepared Me.'" Amen. There you are.

**77** "A Body has Thou prepared Me." God dwells in the stature of a man, reflecting Himself into that Being. Perfect worship! God in us, being His Tabernacle, God manifesting. Oh, how we could stay on that till you would almost suffocate in here, from heat. **Notice, that, God has always, at all time, reflected Himself in man.**

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**86** Now Peter is outlining something here for us, that how to get there.

« **87** † Now I want to say this, that, **there are some people who have a portion of this virtue, knowledge, wisdom, patience, and so forth, that don't even profess to be Christian. Now we just... we're teaching Sunday school. And that's true. There's some people have a portion of this, that don't even pretend to be Christian.** But that doesn't... That won't do it. It's like a black bird trying to put peacock feathers in his wings, to make him a peacock. He only disgraces himself. Be better to stay a black bird. See? **When he tries to exercise these things without being a Christian, he's just simply all out of place.**

### **3A) Chapter Four**

#### **The Smyrnaean Church Age**

**Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule.** And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

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« **94** † **Well, now that's the way it is, trying to--to manufacture Christianity. You can't do it. The first thing you've got to do, is be born again. You've got to be changed. See? And when you're changed, you become a new creation.** Now you're getting right, now. See? Now you don't have to worry about the feathers, it'll take care of itself, when--when you are born again. Yes, sir.

**95** Like I've always said. You take a--a hog, scrub him up and put a tuxsailor suit on him, or tuxedo suit, rather, on him, and turn him out there; he go right to a mud hole and wallow. Cause, you see, it wouldn't do any good. He's a hog. That's his nature. Wallowing is his nature. You've got to change his nature, and (he) the rest of it will take care of itself.

« **96** † **Now notice. You must be born again, that is, changed. There's got to be a change.**

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**102** † **Notice, you must be born again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see, on my chart here, I got the very foundation, faith is the foundation of all of it. "For without faith it's impossible to please God. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him."** See? He must be. And when you're a skeptic of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.

**103** **What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.**