

Experiential Knowledge

I Peter 1:9

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You have put in your possession knowledge, of the salvation of your soul, which was the thing presented to your faith, when ye were called by the Gospel of Christ.

Your faith being proper is crowned with a proper recompense.

The word telos, “end” definite point, purpose or *goal* and is often used so as to imply reward, God rewards faith and faithfulness.

God rewards disobedience to His Word and unrighteousness:

2Pe 2:13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

Peter penned two great epistles for us to learn from. He is sharing with us knowledge that He has learned from experience not from a book or even from the Bible for that matter.

Mat. 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Mark 12:24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?

John 20:9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Lu 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Lu 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Lu 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Joh 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Ac 17:2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Ac 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Peter is sharing that the knowledge is given through the Power of God and we are to be responsible to believe and to obey the scripture unto to the end.

1Pe 1:16 **Because it is written**, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

2Pe 1:19 We have also **a more sure word** of prophecy; whereunto **ye do well that ye take heed**, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Da 10:21 **But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth**: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

2Pe 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

It's not enough for us to just learn the Scripture we must apply and experience the Word or the Scripture in our own lives through obedience.

When Peter tells us in I Peter 1:9 *“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”* He is sharing something with us that he experienced in His own life. So what is Peter sharing with us, when he said, “receiving the end of your faith”?

The word “end” in the original Greek is *tel'-os* -to *set out* for a definite point or *goal*, the outcome or the conclusion of. Peter is saying “DON'T LOOK AT THE PROCESS” Keep your eyes on the goal! Peter went through a fiery trial and His faith was tested that night he fled and followed Jesus afar off and denied that he even knew Him. Remember what Jesus said to Peter before he denied the Lord? Peter Satan has desired to have you and to sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for thee that “YOUR FAITH FAIL NOT” Before the cock crows you will deny three times that you even knew me. This helps us to see what Peter was saying when he penned in His 1st Epistle “Receiving the end of your faith”. Peter is telling us by experience not to get caught up in the process of the fiery trials. He is saying if you fail the Lord don't give up, but to keep our eyes on the goal!

Mt 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Lu 22:61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Joh 2:22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Ac 11:16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Paul the Apostle said the same words “This one thing I do forgetting those things behind, I press toward the mark or goal for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.” You see it's **through obedience** in the fiery trial that **self is denied and the Lord** removes all self-confidence that would causes us to say I DID IT! When he is finished with us we can only say like Peter HE DID IT! It was Him and His power that brought me through! It was His faith that he gave me; even the faith of the Son of God. As Paul said “ Its no longer I that lives but Christ that liveth in me and life I now live in the flesh I live by the FAITH of the Son of God! The only thing that pleases the Father is Faith. Many times Jesus rebuked his disciples saying “Oh ye of little faith”, “Where is your faith?” “Why did you

doubt?” The Scriptures say “ Without faith it is impossible to please Him” Did you hear that? It’s impossible to please Him without faith.

That means it’s never going to happen until we believe Him. We must believe to receive. Which brings us back to what Peter was saying, “Receiving the end of your faith” We must keep our eyes on the goal set before us. We are going to go through many things such as fiery trials, storms, tests but they are all there to make us FAITHFULL! Only faith with no room for unbelief or doubt. After we go through the fire all that will be left is our dependence on Him and we will have no confidence in the flesh. Glory!