

SERVING HIM IN PARTNERSHIP

*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. **2 Peter 1:1-4 KJV***

Peter states first that he is a servant and *secondly* mentions his calling as an apostle.

He boasts of being a servant just as *David* did in *Ps. 116:16*.

Peter understood to serve Christ with others of like faith was truly an honor.

God knows all things about us (consider Peter), yet He has still entrusted us to *Serve Him in Partnership*.

We are in this world to do work that glorifies God the Father just as God sent Jesus in the world to give us Salvation. Let's serve him in partnership!

I. Like Faith for Stewardship

We are stewards in the Kingdom together and this like faith is of very great use, and *advantageous* to those who have it.

It is the same faith in Jesus that unites the weak *believer* to Christ just as it does the strong one, the impulsive and the prudent, the rough and the polished. the sanctified and not so sanctified.
Acts 13:39

This same precious faith takes hold of the same *precious* Savior and manifests the same precious desire to serve in faith - *it's still a partnership!*

II. Growth in the Knowledge of God

Peter is fulfilling the words of Jesus by encouraging those of like faith to grow in the knowledge of God which will *strengthen* them through grace and peace.

Philippians 1:6

When we learn His ways, it positions us to be recipients of "everything pertaining to life and godliness."

III. Partnership

We are *partners* with God, this is a divine connection between believers of like faith and God.

The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation (partnering) in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust. 2 Peter 1:3-4 MSG

With like precious faith we ... **SERVE HIM IN PARTNERSHIP!**