

**“GOD GIVES”**

*—We have everything we need to live for Him—  
2 Peter 1:1-11*

**Introduction:**

***I. God has given us a faith that’s \_\_\_\_\_ .v.1a***

*A. There are at least three reasons for this:*

1. Our faith is \_\_\_\_\_. v.2
2. Our faith is loaded with \_\_\_\_\_. v.4a
3. Our faith \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s very nature.  
v.4b

***II. God has given us a faith that \_\_\_\_\_ . vv. 5-9***

*A. Our faith should produce certain virtues:*

***III. God has given us a faith that must be \_\_\_\_\_  
authentic. vv. 10-11***

*Questions for reflection or discussion based on the sermon, “God Gives,”  
message #1 from the Memos from Heaven series:*

**Getting started:** Read the text (2 Peter 1:1-11). Did God speak to you through the sermon? If so, what did He say?

**Content:** The main idea of this passage comes through in v.3 where we are told that as believers, God has given us everything we need for life and godliness. Considering this, answer the following questions:

1. If God has given the believer everything needed to live a godly life (v.3) why do some believers live as though they have been short-changed by God?
2. How does assuming we might be missing something make us vulnerable to seeking things that may not be spiritually healthy or beneficial?
3. Do you remember when you begin trusting that God has already given you all you need to live for Him?
4. How has this realization helped transform your life?

What God has given us to live godly lives is a faith that transforms our lives. We learn from this passage that our faith is precious, it produces and it must be proven authentic. Let's consider these themes in the form of a few questions:

1. How often do you view your faith as being as “precious” as the faith of the Apostles (v.1)? Since becoming a follower of Jesus, how has your faith become more precious?
2. This passage commands followers of Jesus to add some things to their faith (vv.5-8). Which things in this list need to be added in greater measure to your own life? Why? What is promised to the person whose faith produces these virtues (v.8)?
3. Peter commands his readers to be “eager to make their calling and election sure” (v.10). In other words, he invites believers to examine whether their faith is authentic. Why is this important? Do believers examine their profession of faith enough? What is the anticipated outcome for those who take this seriously? Where does this eager examination take place in your life? What have you learned?

**Wrapping up:** Take time to thank God for His abundant provision of faith. If there is an area of your understanding or practice as a believer that needs help, ask God and trust Him to give it to you.