

## ☞ Renewed to Succeed

### 2 Peter 1:1-11

Times of Refreshing: Repent, stop your stinkin' thinkin'; Return to God, do what you did at first; Be Restored, confess your sins; and be Refreshed, enter in to God's presence.

☞ ***When we repent and change how we think,  
We start the process to stop all the stink;  
And when we return to the Lord that we love,  
He lovingly reaches from Heaven above;  
Restoring, forgiving; he makes us complete,  
Refreshed in His presence, revival is sweet.***

☞ Last week Paul Becker reminded us... **"You're not who you used to be."**

☞ **Our faith gives us a POSITION with God.**

v. 2 We have grace and peace in abundance.

Philippians 4:4

the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

☞ v. 3 We are **called by God**.

Every believer is called to one degree or another. We are all called to serve. We are all called to evangelize.

v. 3 We participate in God's glory and goodness.

v. 4 We participate in the divine nature.

John 1:12

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to

☞ become **children of God**

**I am a son...**

- John 15:15 I am a friend of Jesus Christ.
- Romans 5:1 I have been justified.
- 1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.

- 1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 I am righteous.
- Ephesians 1:3-8 I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.
- Colossians 1:13-14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
- Colossians 2:9-10 I am complete in Christ.
- Hebrews 4:14-16 I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

### **I am safe...**

- Romans 8:1 I am free from condemnation.
- Romans 8:28 I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.
- Romans 8:31-39 I cannot be separated from the love of God.
- Colossians 3:1-4 I am hidden with Christ in God.
- Philippians 1:6 I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.
- 2 Timothy 1:7 I don't have a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.
- 1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot harm me.

### **I am significant...**

- John 15:5 I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.
- John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
- 1 Corinthians 3:16 I am God's temple.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 I am a minister of reconciliation for God.
- Ephesians 2:6 I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.
- Ephesians 2:10 I am God's workmanship.
- Ephesians 3:12 I may approach God with freedom and confidence.
- Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.

Romans 8:17

☞ Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**,

v. 4 We escape evil corruption.

v. 4 We have great promises – his eternal kingdom.

Daniel 7:27

Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High.

Our faith gives us a Position with God.

☞ **God's power gives us PROVISION for everything that pertains to life and godliness.**

v. 3 This is received through our knowledge of him.

☞ Again, it's all about relationship. Knowing God is what **gives us ability for a godly life**. It's not about following rules and rituals; it's about relationship. Know God more!

☞ v. 3 His power provides **all we need** – we are not lacking at all. (No excuses)

Ephesians 1:19-20

☞ ...his incomparably great (**abundant**) power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, **20** which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

v. 3 Life – not just spiritual issues; but day to day issues.

He provides for our daily needs as well... what we need to succeed at work, at home, and in our relationships.

His power gives us Provision.

☞ **God's plan guides us to reach our POTENTIAL.**

v. 5 **Add to your faith...** (not multiply)

Faith is the starting point. You've come to Christ through faith and you got your ticket to heaven, but that's just the beginning. God wants us to grow and mature. The following list can be applied to any arena of life: home, work, family, friends, etc.

☞ v. 5 **Goodness** – virtue; good conduct; **excellence**

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

☞ v. 5 **Knowledge** – truth; **thorough understanding**

Be honest. That's the truth part of knowledge. But knowledge is also about learning. You don't know everything yet. Others around you know things you don't. Listen and learn from them. What could you read that would make you a better employee?

☞ v. 6 **Self-control** – **discipline**

Titus 1:8 lumps these together: self-control, upright, holy and disciplined.

Keep your cool. Stay on task when you're at work. Use that knowledge you've been learning to be an even better worker.

☞ v. 6 **Perseverance** – patience; endurance; **don't quit**

Don't give up at the first sign of trouble or when things get a little rough. Hang in there! Stick it out; work it out.

☞ v. 6 **Godliness** – **respect**; make **right choices**

1 Timothy 4:7  
train yourself to be godly.

☞ v. 6 **Brotherly kindness** – to love like a brother, without conflict or hypocrisy, but enduring and hospitable

Romans 12:10  
Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. **Honor one another** above yourselves.

☞ v. 7 **Love** – agape; **always wishing the best for others; generous**

1 Corinthians 13:4-7  
Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

v. 8 In increasing measure – keep on adding to these

God's plan guides us to our Potential.

☞ **Our faithfulness in these things makes us PRODUCTIVE.**

v. 5 **Make every effort** – be diligent; do your best

v. 8 not unproductive – unfruitful

☞ v. 8 **Valuable** (not ineffective – unemployed; useless)

☞ v. 9 **Visionary** (not nearsighted and blind)

These things help you to see ahead and plan for the future.

☞ v. 10 **Victorious** (not falling) – also, keep from colliding; to avoid failure.

These things keep you solid and secure. They keep you from many conflicts with other people. They help you succeed in life and not fail. This is the kind of employee that bosses don't want to lose. This is the kind of person people like to be around. This is the kind of believer God wants us to become.

☞ **We have a significant POSITION with God.**

**We have sufficient PROVISION with God.**

**We have substantial POTENTIAL with God.**

**We have superior PRODUCTIVITY with God.**

When we remember our position and who we are in Christ and we realize that God has provided us with everything we need, then we can be renewed to reach our potential and become the productive people that God intends us to be. That will lead to success!

Joshua 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Let's keep adding and increasing in these things: Be...

☞ **Faithful; good; knowledgeable; disciplined; persevering; respectful; kind; generous.**

☞ **These things will make you Capable; Competent; Creative; Constructive; Constant**

Add to your faith, keep on increasing, and be renewed!