**Sovereign Grace: The Foundation of Godly Living**

**(2 Peter 1:1-15)**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**1.** What does Peter mean when he says, “To those who have obtained a faith”? How did they (we) *obtain* saving faith? How does the context of verses 1-4 help us understand Peter’s meaning? Why is it important to understand this concept as it relates to the rest of today’s passage?

**2.** Who is the main actor in 2 Peter 1:1-4? How do these verses support the idea that God’s sovereign (i.e., undeserved, unearned, freely given) grace is the foundation of the Christian life? What has he done for his people through the Person and work of Jesus Christ?

**3.** In your own words, explain Peter’s transition in verse 5 (i.e., *For this very reason*…). What is the relationship between God’s sovereign grace (vv. 1-4) and the command to “make every effort to supplement your faith” (v. 5)? Is Peter contradicting himself by telling us that we must earn our salvation? Defend your answer.

**4.** What “qualities” are Christians commanded to pursue (vv. 5-8)? How can Christians develop and practice these things? What is the main reason that Peter cites to explain why Christians sometimes lack these qualities (v. 9)?

**5.** In your own words, explain how Peter’s verbiage in verse 10 highlights the notion of *revelation and response* (i.e., God’s sovereign grace and man’s responsibility)? How do Peter’s words in verse 10 echo those of Philippians 2:12-13 and James 2:14-26?

**6.** According to verses 12-15, what seems to be Peter’s main tool for encouraging believers to persevere in godly living? In your own words, explain the relationship between knowing biblical truth and living according to that truth. What roles do knowledge, thinking, meditating, and recalling play in our fight of faith?

**7.** When and how do you struggle with forgetting the gospel? What impact does such spiritual nearsightedness have on your daily walk with Christ? How do you fuel your faith and pursue godly living? What tools or ways do you fight against spiritual nearsightedness? How can you help other believers who are struggling to supplement their faith? How would you counsel a professing believer who refuses to pursue godly living?