“Precious Faith”

I. The ________ of Christ.
   A. Peter identified himself as a bond-__________ ... of Jesus Christ.
      1. Zodhiates defines “bond-servant” as “a __________, one who is in a
         permanent relation of servitude to another, his will being altogether
         consumed in the will of the other.” Nelson’s Bible Dictionary says, “a
         person bound in servitude to another ... as an instrument of labor; one
         who is ____ __________ _______ and has no rights.”
      2. Peter is a slave of Jesus Christ and therefore, writes with the
         __________ of Christ!
         a. Let us learn where our ______ authority lay! Our authority lay
            in Christ only as we serve Him - only as we are
            to Him.
         b. Know this, true spiritual authority comes only through
            __________ to Christ! Church, this is where spiritual
            authority is found: in Christ Jesus as we __________ Him.
   B. Peter also identified himself as an __________ of Jesus Christ.
      1. Peter writes stating that he is an apostle (ambassador,
         __________, one who was personally and directly) sent by Jesus
         Christ to __________ the Words of Christ in the authority of Christ.
      2. When Peter says that he is an apostle of Jesus Christ he is declaring
         this letter to be the irreplaceable and preeminently authoritative
         __________ ___ __________ for His church!

II. The ______ of Christ.
   A. Peter writes of a ________ that is ____________.
      1. In this Biblical sense “received” refers to “divine ____________”
         or “gain according to the __________ ___ of God as determined
         by God.”
   B. “Faith” refers to the believer’s God-granted
         ___________ of the reality and truth of Christ. It is that which makes the
         believer a believer. It is the conduit by which we realize the saving grace of
         God. “For by grace you are saved through faith ...!” (Eph. 2:8)
   C. Peter describes this God-granted faith “as of the same kind as ours.” This
phrase means “___________ valuable” or “equally ____________.

1. How precious is this faith? It was ____________ for us by the ____________ of the Perfect Lamb of God. Rom 5:6-11, “For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, 

_________ _______. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, 

_________ by His life.”

2. How precious is this faith? We received our faith as the gift of God granted us “by the ______________ of our God and Savior, \ ____________ Christ.”
a. 2 Cor 5:21 says, “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that _____ might ____________ the righteousness of God in Him.” ... Christ bore our sins that we might bear His ______________!

b. This is a most precious faith for it comes to us by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus __________ and Him __________!

III. The ______________ of Christ.

A. Jesus is __________.

B. Jesus is the ______________.

C. Jesus is the ____________!

1. Christ means “Messiah - ______________ ________.”

**Question:** Do you believe that Jesus is the Anointed One of God? If so, blessed are you for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but the Father who is in heaven. If you do not have this faith, then pray and trusting ____ the ____ of all grace, for whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall ___ ____________. Choose today day whom you will serve!

**Conclusion:** Who will you ____________? ____________ today!

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