

The Recipe for Spiritual Fruit (2 Peter 1)

- 1:1** Peter credentials to be teaching us: humble servant, special witness being an apostle, brother in Christ in equal standing.
- 1:2** He is pointing us to Christ as source of grace & peace versus the physical aspect of our daily life.
- 1:3** Tells us what the possibilities are as a Christian--the big picture: life and godliness. Great news and scary with no excuse.
- 1:4** Peter is repeating we can be partakers of the divine nature in back to back verses for emphasis.
- 1:5-7** You have faith given of God for salvation but must exert effort to mature.
- 1:8** God says here's the recipe to be fruitful so don't try to tweak it. Add these qualities in increasing measure.
- 1:9** It is possible to lack these qualities as a Christian, which can be assurance you are not an unbeliever anymore.
- 1:10** This is not talking about losing salvation but wavering in assurance of who you are in Christ.
- 1:11** How you live now effects your entry into the heavenly gate (i.e. follow the recipe for spiritual fruit or will your works be burned up 1 Cor 3).
- 1:12** Here Peter begins a classic section of verses on the Christian faith and why we do what we do as a church.
- 1:13** Role of preaching. We are made requiring a stirring up.
- 1:14** Long-term plan does not rely on Peter preaching.
- 1:15** The role of the Word. Why we come to church, bible studies, etc.
- 1:16** More testimony details on Jesus being the Christ, because these qualities we want to add rely on Christ's promises to us.
- 1:17** The first detail or proof Peter wants us to grasp is God spoke or testified.
- 1:18** The next proof is Peter didn't just rely on others saying what they heard but says my ears heard God speak.
- 1:19** The final proof of a valid testimony is prophecy fulfilled.
- 1:20** The weakness of man cannot produce prophecy.
- 1:21** Gives us the reminder that this testimony comes from the Holy Spirit.

Summary

1. Hopefully Peter has convinced you we can partake in the divine nature.
2. God made us needing to be reminded & stirred up.
3. Should result in us making an effort to add to our faith these necessary qualities for fruitfulness.
4. We're assured this is possible by the promises of Christ.
5. The testimony from God, the Holy Spirit & Peter is that Jesus is the Christ.
6. A maturing relationship with Christ requires increasing these qualities.