

## Like Precious Faith Stirred Up 2 Peter 1.10-15

In the last two weeks as we started into 2 Peter we discovered from the opening text **Our Salvation (vs 1-4),**

- **Our Redemption** – We must be Born-Again, Saved.
- **Our Resources** – We are resourced by God through our Salvation.
- **Our Renewal** – We are told to strive to Partake of the Divine Nature (vs 4).

From last weeks text we unstood **Our Spiritual Growth (vs 5-11). As a Christian You Must,**

- **Purpose To Grow Spiritually**
- **Plan To Grow Spiritually** – Your Spiritual Disciplines
- **Persist to Grow Spiritually**

Today we come to our text.

(Read Text)

- **Once a person has been Born-Again (vs 1-4)**
- **He must Determine to Grow Spiritually (vs 5-11)**
- **He must continuously be Stirred Up.**

To Be Stirred Up We Must,

1. **Be Diligent (vs 10)** - *Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to **make your calling and election sure:** for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:- **Make your Calling and Election Sure.***

**If someone were to accuse you of being a Christian, could you prove that they were right?**

**There are,**

- **Covert Christians** – These are like covert agents on your favorite spy programs. These are like the double agents. They profess to be Christians,

they may even attend Church on Sunday, but during the week no one can tell they are Christians.

They walk the Christian Walk on Sunday but during the week they live like the devil, they look like, smell like, talk like, and live just like the this sinful world.

If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?

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John 15.18

- **Comfortable Christians** – These are those who really do love the Lord but they don't want any trouble as they go through their day. They just don't want to rock the boat. So if they are asked they might talk about their faith and our Lord, but they will not go out of their way to witness to anyone else. Like in the underwear isle at Walmart! LOL.

**These folk do not want to be ridiculed or mocked for their faith so they figure the best policy is to just remain silent and comfortable about their faith.**

*John 15:18–20 - If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said unto you, **The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;** if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*

*2 Timothy 3:12 - Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

You certainly will not be persecuted if you never **Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus.**

**It takes some boldness and some spiritual courage to be a Great Commission Christian and to let the World see the light of Jesus in you and hear a word of witness for the gospel of Christ from you. Our**

**Lord calls us to be diligent and courageous for Him with the Gospel and the Word of God.**

- **Courageous Christians** – These are those who will proclaim loudly and boldly the Gospel of Christ and the truths of the Word of God.

**These are those who really are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.**

**There is a reason why all twelve apostles died for the Gospel of Christ.**

**They died because when the governors and rulers of this world said shut up they got louder about the truth's of God's Word.** This wicked world would not endure them because they called the sins and abominations of this world what they really were and the world refused to endure them.

There is a great problem in America today. There is chaos and violence all across America and all around our world. Why is there so much chaos? Because there are too many covert and comfortable Christians in our communities. Our culture has lost sight of real truth and right and wrong. Our culture has lost the Word of God and no longer knows God's truth.

People have a truth, but they do not know and desire the truth of God.

Truth today is,

- An Intellectual Truth – Based on worldly education
- A Philosophical Truth – Based on the opinions of people
- An Emotional Truth – Based on momentary emotional responses.
- A Politically Correct Truth – A truth demanded by the government.

**What America and this world needs is the Authoritative Truth of The Word of God.**

It will take Courageous Christians to Stand Up, Stand Up of Jesus and the Word of God and start boldly proclaiming God's truth again.

Our Text Tells us to,

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2 Peter 1.10 - . . . **give diligence** to **make your calling and election sure: . . .**

2. **Be Determined (vs 12-13)** - *Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and **be established in the present truth.***  
<sup>13</sup>*Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, **to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;** – **Be Stirred Up in your faith.***  
Revive Us Again

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2 Tim 1.6

When was the last time you were stirred up in your faith?

**Illustration – Kids Baseball** – I once went to a kids baseball game and was sitting there watching the kids play. A Methodist Minister's child came up to the plate. There was the pitch, the hit, and the ball was flying high toward right field. The Methodist Minister jumped up on the back drop fence and was shouting as loud as he could for his son to run. Wow was he excited. But I'll bet there wasn't much excitement in his liturgical sermon that Sunday in Church.

This is how it is for many Christians. They can get stirred up about a great many things but they cannot get stirred up in Church or more importantly to go out into this world and let the world see and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ or the Word of God.

There are times when we as Christians need to get stirred up in our hearts, minds, and faith.

**2 Timothy 1:6–8** - *Wherefore I put thee in remembrance **that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee** by the putting on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. <sup>8</sup>Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

Notice that we all must Stir Up the gift of God in us from time to time. The result of being stirred up will be,

- Power (vs 7)
- Love (vs 7)

- Sound mind (vs 7) – A sound mind toward God.
- Lack of Shame in the Testimony (vs 8)
- Some afflictions (vs 8) – This would be the persecution that arises from the truth of God and the gospel of Christ.

Now, someone might think, “Well, there is a good reason not to get too excited about my faith. I don’t want afflictions in my life.”

Notice these are “. . . the afflictions of the Gospel . . .” and they accompany “The Power of God.” What is this power of God? It is the result of the Gospel and Truth of God’s Word.

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What are these results,

- The result of the Gospel will be saved souls.
- The result of the Truth of God will be godly communities.

**Godly Communities?** The answer to the problems of the violence and chaos we see across America and the World today is Salvation and the Truth of the Word of God.

How does this happen? When Courageous Christians Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus.

3. **Be Directed (vs 14, 11)** - *Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.*

*2 Peter 1:11 - For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

**This is to Build Toward Eternity**

**This is to realize the promises of God for our future. We will be,**

- Raptured one day
- We will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ (Bema)
- We will give an account for ourselves
- We will hopefully be rewarded

- **We will enter the everlasting kingdom of our Lord**

Live out your Christian Journey with your everlasting heritage in clear view every day.

Live out your testimony, your witness, your proclamation about the gospel and the Word of God knowing that the Word of God has the power to save lost souls and to transform corrupt sinful minds in keeping with the Word of God.

Just think what society would be like if,

- Everyone were a truly born again Christian.
- Everyone understood right and wrong according to God's revealed Word
- Everyone learned to Love with the unselfish Love of God

**Christian how are you in your Christian Journey?**

**Are Stirred Up for Jesus through the remembrance of His unfailing Word and promises?**

**Will you stand up, stand up for Jesus!**

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