

I Know I've Been Changed

2 Peter 1 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Simeon^[a] Peter, a servant^[b] and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by^[d] his own glory and goodness. ⁴Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust and may become participants of the divine nature. ⁵For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, ⁷and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. ⁸For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and blind and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers and sisters,^[a] be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. ¹¹For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the men, women, and children of God. To my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. As we look at today's text; 2 Peter shares with us an array of benefits as believers. In fact, the divine power of Jesus Christ has given us everything needed for life and godliness. Today's topic is "I Know I've been Changed." We have promises that allow us to escape the corruption of world because of lust. God has blessed us to become a part of or a participant of the divine nature. Saints it is vitally important that we undergird and support our faith with goodness, connected with knowledge, knowledge connected with self-control, self-control connected with endurance, endurance connected with godliness, godliness connected with mutual affection, and mutual affection connected with love. Keep in mind, our objective is to grow in the knowledge of our lord Jesus Christ and to remain effective and remain fruitful in the Lord.

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 6:23) We are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood,

effective through faith. God did this to show his righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over the sins previously committed. It was to prove at the present time that He himself is righteous and that He justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. (Romans 6:24-26) Beloved, we have all sinned, but praise God in the Highest. God has made a way for us. He has made a way for us through Jesus Christ. Praise God; Salvation is available to us all. Isn't it a blessing to know that God had us on His mind. Because He made a way for us and we invited Jesus into our hearts; we ought to testify "I Know I've Been Changed."

Second Peter 1:10-11 teaches us to be careful to confirm that you are saved. **Be sure that you have received Salvation.** By doing this, you will never stumble and will receive a wonderful welcome into the kingdom of God. You know that salvation comes through Jesus Christ. But, have you ever found yourself questioning whether He has saved you?

Can I get a witness? Somebody that doesn't mind saying "Yes," I've been there.

Maybe you're asking God to search your heart for sin, and when He shows you; you're faced with a sense of unworthiness. You're right; both you and I are unworthy. I came to remind you that the precious blood of Jesus makes us worthy. I Know I've Been Changed. God made us worthy through the powerful blood of Christ. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God.

In our prayer of Humiliation, we confess "We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, Gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood that our sinful souls and bodies may be made clean by His death and washed through His blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in Us. Amen."

I Thank God for His Love, Grace, and Mercy because they are all a part of God's Saving Grace. We are saved through Jesus Christ!!! I came to remind you of a few truths:

1. "Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are **like scarlet**, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (Isaiah 1:18)
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2. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)
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3. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Acts 2:21) I Know I've Been Changed, I Know I've Been Changed, I Know I've Been Changed, The Angels in Heaven done Changed My Name.

In closing,

1 John 1:7-9 shares "If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ **If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** Thank You Lord for the Change. If you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior; you can testify "I Know I've Been Changed."