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- Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things;
- We are experiencing God, who never changes, in new ways and our minds are being deconstructed and renewed by our encounters with Him

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- Eph 3:16-18 I desire for you to become intimately acquainted with the love of Christ on the deepest possible level; far beyond the reach of a mere academic, intellectual grasp. So that you may be filled with all the fullness of God! Awaken to the consciousness of his closeness! Separation is an illusion! Oneness was God's idea all along!

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- We saw that **Faith** for salvation is not our faith but the faith of Jesus imparted through our relational encounters with Him
- When we hear the voice of God faith persuades us of the truth that we can believe
- Belief informs our thinking and acting

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- We also saw that our salvation includes redemption, reconciliation, adoption, righteousness, justification, and glorification and has already been completely accomplished through the full incarnation of Jesus, His life, death, resurrection and ascension for everyone
- Sadly most people don't yet know it

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- The disciples experienced relationship with Jesus first hand in the flesh
- Jesus revealed the Father and the Holy Spirit to them experientially
- Paul the fact that Jesus was already at work in him by the Spirit revealed
- Peter, John and Paul shared their experiences through letters

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- 2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Saviour, Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

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- 2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

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- 2 Peter 1:1 I am Simon the Rock, bondman and ambassador of Jesus Christ. We are in this together; God's faith sees everyone equally valued and justified in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- This emphasizes the fact that nothing we did or determined to achieve had any influence upon God to qualify us

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- 2 Peter 1:1 Faith is not something we do to persuade God; faith is what happens to us when we realize how persuaded God is about us.
- Salvation belongs to everyone based on exactly the same merit. God's righteousness persuades us. What God did right in Christ cancels out everything that Adam, or we did wrong!

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- 2 Peter 1:1 Herein lies the secret of the power of the Gospel; there is no good news in it until the righteousness of God is revealed! The dynamic of the gospel is the revelation of God's faith as the only valid basis for our belief.

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- 2 Peter 1:1 The prophets wrote in advance about the fact that God believes that righteousness defines the life that he always had in mind for us. “Righteousness by his (God’s) faith defines life.”

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- 2 Peter 1:2 God's desire is that we may now increasingly be overwhelmed with grace as his divine influence within us and become fully acquainted with the awareness of our oneness. The way he has always known us is realised in Jesus our Master

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- 2 Peter 1:2 The knowledge of God is not our knowledge of him; it is God's knowledge of us! He knew us before he formed us in our mother's womb! Jer 1:5.
- In this context no one can ever feel ignored or neglected again.

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- 2 Peter 1:3 By his divine engineering he gifted us with all that it takes to live life to the full, where our ordinary day to day lives mirror our devotion and romance with our Maker. His intimate knowledge of us introduces us to ourselves again and elevates us to a position where his original intention is clearly perceived!

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- 2 Peter 1:4 This is exactly what God always had in mind for us; every one of his abundant and priceless promises pointed to our restored participation in our godly origin! This is his gift to us!
- Acts 3:21 Jesus .. whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things

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- 2 Peter 1:4 In this **fellowship** we have escaped the distorted influence of the corrupt cosmic virus of greed.
- His image and likeness is redeemed in us. The **default settings** are restored. We are **re-booted** to fully participate in the life of our design.

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- 2 Peter 1:5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in **your** (the) faith supply moral excellence, and in **your** moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in **your** knowledge, self-control, and in **your** self-control, perseverance, and in **your** perseverance, godliness, 7 and in **your** godliness, brotherly kindness, and in **your** brotherly kindness, love.

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- Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;
- Everything we need to live life to the full is supplied freely through the Spirit within us

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- Gal 5:20 (The DIY lifestyle is driven by self effort and selfishness. A legalistic mind-set, the flesh, sponsors typical behaviour that expresses itself in very visible symptoms:) such as idolatry, which is worshipping a distorted image of oneself, drugs, hatred, constant conflict, jealous suspicion, violent outbursts of rage, everyone for himself in a cut-throat competitive world, trampling on others to get to the top etc. etc.

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- Gal 5:22 The Spirit finds expression in love, joy, peace, endurance, kindness (usefulness), goodness, faith, gentleness, self control (spirit strength).
- In total contrast to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the tree of life bears fruit effortlessly consistent with the life of our original design!

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- 2 Peter 1:5 Now (in the light of what we are **gifted with in Christ**) the stage is set to display life's excellence. Explore the **adventure of faith!**
- We can never exhaust the vast sum of his thoughts about us – Psa 139:16-18

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- Eph 3:20 We celebrate him who supercharges us powerfully **from within**. Our biggest request or most amazing dream cannot match the extravagant proportion of **his thoughts towards us**.
- God is already at work in all of us by His Spirit

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- 2 Peter 1:5 Imagine the extreme dedication and focus of a conductor of music; You are the choir conductor of your own life. Familiarize yourselves with every ingredient that faith unfolds! See there how elevated you are, and from within this position (of your co-seatedness in Christ), enlightened perspective will dawn within you.

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- 2 Peter 1:5 how he would diligently acquaint himself with every individual voice in the choir, as well as the contribution of every specific instrument, to follow the precise sound represented in every single note in order to give maximum credit to the original composition. This is exactly what it means to exhibit the divine character.

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- 2 Peter 1:6-7 Here you will realize your inner strength and how fully competent you are to prevail in patient perseverance in the midst of any contradiction. It is from **within this place of enlightened perspective** that meaningful devotion and worship ignite!

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- 2 Peter 1:6-7 Spiritual strength exceeds mind-, muscle- or willpower by far! In worship you will find a genuine fondness for others. At the heart of everything that faith unfolds is the agape-love of God.

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- 2 Peter 1:8 While you diligently rehearse the exact qualities of every divine attribute **within you**; the volume will rise with ever increasing gusto, guarding you from being ineffective and barren in your knowledge of the Christ-life, displayed with such authority and eloquence in Jesus.

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- 2 Peter 1:9 If anyone feels that these things are absent in his life, they are not; spiritual blindness and short-sightedness only veil them from you. This happens when one loses sight of one's innocence.

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- 2 Peter 1:9 The moment one forgets the tremendous consequence of the fact that **we were cleansed from our past sins**, one seems to become pre-occupied again with the immediate sense-ruled horizon, which is what short-sightedness is all about; this makes one blind to his blessings. Spiritual realities suddenly seem vague and distant. Become acquainted with your innocence!

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- 2 Peter 1:10 Therefore I would encourage you my fellow family, to make every immediate effort to become cemented in the knowledge of our original identity revealed and confirmed in the logic of God. Fully engage these realities in your lifestyle, and so you will never fail.

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- 2 Peter 1:11 Thus the great Conductor of music will draw your life into the full volume of the harmony of the ages; the royal song of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
- The theme here is each of us being part of the orchestra or each of us being a note within the music

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- Colossians 2:19, “You are directly connected to Christ who like a choir conductor draws out the music in everyone like a tapestry of art that intertwines in harmony to reveal the full stature of divine inspiration,” which is **Christ in you**.

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- Everything is already in us through the presence of the Holy Spirit
- John 3:3,13 Jesus reminds Nicodemus that we are born from above, and now through our joint resurrection, we are reconnected again to our original identity as sons.

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- John 3:5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- We are all born by the Spirit through being resurrected and made alive by the Spirit

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- John 4:14 Holy Spirit is likened to a fountain or spring of living water
- John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

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- John 7:38 Holy Spirit is likened to rivers of living water (the river of life)
- John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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- So let's review... Jesus taught that everyone must be born again or from above **by the Spirit** through no effort or choice of their own
- This was solely on the basis of God making us alive, and it happened 2000 years ago through Jesus' resurrection by the Spirit

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- 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- We are all alive born from above by Jesus resurrection not by our choice

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- 1 Peter 1:3 So let us boast about it and bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with articulate acclaim! He has reconnected us with our original genesis through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead! This new birth endorses and celebrates the hope of the ages; God's eternal love dream concludes in life!

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- The Holy Spirit is integral in process of our being made alive, born from above, born of the Spirit and how we walk by faith
- Rom 1:4 however, his powerful resurrection from the dead **by the** Holy Spirit, locates and confirms his being and sonship in God.

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- As much as his death brought dramatic closure to our futile and failed attempts to justify and define ourselves, our co-resurrection revived the original blueprint of our Maker's image and likeness in us. Francois du Toit







John 4:14

But whosoever drinketh
of the water that I shall
give him shall never thirst;

A close-up photograph of clear, flowing water. The water is light blue and white, with visible ripples and bubbles. It appears to be flowing from a source, possibly a waterfall or a stream, with some foliage visible in the background.

but the water that I shall give him
shall be in him a well of water
springing up into everlasting life.



- As you drink the living water of the Spirit let the truth of who Jesus is fill you persuading you of the full and complete power of the cross to transform your life

- As you drink the living water of the Spirit let the truth of who you are as a son of God restore you to wholeness
- Let that truth supercharge you powerfully from within
- Let the vast sum of His thoughts renew your mind

