

Brokenness and God's Promise to Us

Jacob (a picture of us) is finally "broken" - Genesis 32:24-32

- Jacob wrestled with God until he (Jacob) was broken
- We can be "Christian" and yet not "broken", but we miss so much of what God intended for us
- Yes, salvation changes and secures us, but brokenness puts us in the presence of God to be used as he desires
- J. Vernon McGhee: Get people in the presence of God, then they will serve God, not the other way around
- One evidence of brokenness is in our changing life. Also, this changing never stops

The Rescue, and, then Brokenness - II Peter 1:1-4

- He promised to save – **Romans 10:13**
- How do you know you are saved? God said so, not to be based on feelings
- Growth promised by God's grace

The Journey of Brokenness - II Peter 1:5-7

- Virtue – resolution
- Knowledge – intelligence of God
- Temperance – self control (ouch!)
- Patience – endurance
- Godliness – piety, devout, spiritual
- Kindness – affection
- Charity – sacrificial

The Result of Brokenness is Godly Confidence - II Peter 1:8-11

- "They make you"
- A triumphal blessed life
- We have our Peniel moment – Genesis 32:30

Conclusion: **As we rely upon the Lord Jesus Christ, life becomes more abundantly clear and more abundantly rewarding. In the light of brokenness, read John 10:9-11**