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Psalms 119:11

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Hebrews 12:7-11

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2 Peter 1:3

You are placed in Christ at the moment of your faith. Christ comes to live in you, you receive all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies; all things that pertain to life and Godliness.

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2 Peter 3:18 (ESV) *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

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