

# Introduction and Salutation

# 2 Peter

“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ” – 2 Peter 3:18

# Introduction

- Author – Peter, the apostle
- Audience/Recipients – Appears to be those he wrote the first epistle to (2 Peter 3:1)
  - “those who have obtained like precious faith” (2 Peter 1:1)
- Date – Probably written between 65 and 67 AD
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle written to the same people as the first (2 Peter 3:1), 1 Peter was written at the latest 65 AD, Peter’s death appears to be imminent (2 Peter 1:14), many believe Peter was martyred in 67 or 68 AD

# Introduction

- Purpose – Reminder, Exhortation, and Warning
  - Reminding them of the things they had been taught
  - Exhorting them to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ
  - Warning them of false teachers
- Theme – “growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18)

# General Outline

- Chapter 1 – Reminders and encouragement
- Chapter 2 – Warning of false teachers and their dangers
- Chapter 3 – The day of the Lord and the exhortation to be faithful

# Salutation – v.1-4

- V.1 – The author and the recipients
  - “Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ”
    - Bondservant – servant
      - Similar to the start of James’ epistle
      - Takes the position of a servant
    - Apostle – An eyewitness of Jesus Christ
  - “to those who have obtained like precious faith”
    - These have obtained the same faith as Peter and others

# Salutation – v.1-4

- V.2-4 – Knowledge of God
  - “in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord”
    - Knowledge – full or thorough knowledge, discernment, recognition”
      - It is a knowledge that makes application
        - James 1:21-22 – Be doers of the word

# Salutation – v.1-4

- V.2-4 – Knowledge of God
  - “His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness”
    - The Spirit has revealed all truth – John 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-13; Ephesians 3:3-5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
      - The knowledge of “life and godliness” is found in the revealed word, scripture
    - The revelation of God is what completes man – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

# Salutation – v.1-4

- V.2-4 – Knowledge of God
  - Contained in scripture are “exceedingly great and precious promises”
    - Scripture contains the promises of God
    - Scripture shows His faithfulness to His promises

# Salutation – v.1-4

- V.2-4 – Knowledge of God
  - Contained in scripture is instruction on how one may be a partaker “of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that* is in the world through lust”
    - The idea is we become as He is by putting to death the old man and living as a new creature (Romans 6:6-14; Colossians 3:9-10)
      - From here Peter goes on to discuss...
        - The importance of growing in scripture
        - False teachers and their danger
        - The need to remain faithful

# 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Christian graces and making your call sure

- Question #1

- What are to “give all diligence” to? Why? (2 Peter 1:5-9)

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## 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Christian graces and making your call sure

- V.5-7 – We are to “give all diligence to add” to our faith
  - “But also for this very reason”
    - The knowledge of God has been given to us through His revealed word, by which we recognize there are “exceedingly great and precious promises”, and we have “escaped the corruption *that* is in the world” (v.2-4)

## 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Christian graces and making your call sure

- V.5-7 – We are to “give all diligence to add” to our faith
  - This is an encouragement to grow one’s faith
    - Faith comes from the word of God (Romans 10:17), these being added are found in the word of God

# 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Christian graces and making your call sure

- V.5-7 – We are to “give all diligence to add” to our faith
  - Add to your faith...
    - Virtue
    - Knowledge
    - Self-control
    - Perseverance
    - Godliness
    - Brotherly kindness
    - Love

## 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Christian graces and making your call sure

- V.8-11 – Growing our faith is vital to making our call and election sure
  - V.8 – By adding these things you will come to the knowledge that is in Jesus Christ
    - 1 Corinthians 2:10-14 – God’s wisdom was revealed by the Holy Spirit and those who are spiritually minded can come to an understanding of these things

## 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Christian graces and making your call sure

- V.8-11 – Growing our faith is vital to making our call and election sure
  - V.9 – If we do not work to add these things we are “shortsighted... and forget that we were cleansed from our sins”
    - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – We forget that all scripture completes man
    - Romans 6 – When we were baptized, we were raised as a new creature to serve a new master

## 2 Peter 1:5-11 – Christian graces and making your call sure

- V.8-11 – Growing our faith is vital to making our call and election sure
  - V.10-11 – By giving diligence to growing your faith your entrance into heaven can be sure
    - We can have assurance and confidence of our salvation
    - We can also lose our salvation
      - Hebrews 6:4-12 – One can fall away but one can also have “full assurance of hope”