

2 Peter 1

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power

and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 1 Study Questions

1. What background information can you find about 2 Peter? When was it written? In what setting was it written?
2. Define any unfamiliar words.
3. Are there any words you think you understand but might benefit from defining?
4. What repeating words or themes does Peter use throughout this chapter?
5. What significance do these repetitions imply?
6. In verse 2, what does Peter define as the way grace and peace are multiplied?
7. In verse 3, Peter makes a strong statement about how the believer has access to everything needed for life and godliness, again through knowledge of Jesus. Practically speaking, how can a believer increase in the knowledge of Jesus?
8. In the space below, define the words Peter urges believers to add to their faith (salvation) intentionally. Note how these additions work from the outside in and consider why believers must begin to do right even when they do not necessarily feel like doing right at first.
 - Virtue

- Knowledge
 - Temperance
 - Patience
 - Godliness
 - Brotherly kindness
 - Charity
9. What does Peter promise in verses 8-11 for the believer who is diligent to add to her faith? How does this reward differ from the entrance into heaven that every believer has access to?
 10. Peter uses the word “remember or remembrance” three times in verses 12-14. Why does he emphasize the need for believers to remember these things?
 11. Many people consider the resurrection of Jesus a hoax, or as Peter phrases it, “a cunningly devised fable.” How does he dismiss this false charge in verses 16-21?
 12. How does knowing that the Holy Spirit is the true writer of every part of Scripture make believers accountable for what it says?
 13. What did you learn from this chapter that you did not understand before now?
 14. Is there any call to action you need to apply practically? Write the action and the steps to take in obedience.
 15. What verse or passage do you want to memorize to help you follow through with God’s direction?