



# *The Epistle of 2 Peter* (Lesson # 36)

## **Introduction & the Believer's Resources 2 Peter 1:1-4**

### **New Testament**

#### **History** (Church beginnings)

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts

#### **Letters** (Church correction & direction)

Romans, Corinthians(2), Galatians, Ephesians,  
Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians(2), Timothy(2),  
Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter(2), John(3), Jude

#### **Prophecy** (Church, Israel, & World in the future)

Revelation



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### **Review**

#### **Emphasis in 1 Peter**

**The Christian's view  
of 'now' in light of 'eternity'**

#### **Content Outline**

(Chester McCalley book "**Comfort in Suffering**")

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**Salvation** 1:1—2:10 (God's gift)

**Submission** 2:11—3:12 (Our duty)

**Suffering** 3:13—5:14 (Our discipline)



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### **Emphasis in 2 Peter**

## **3 Reminders for Christians**

### **Content Overview Outline**

(Adapted from Chester McCalley #21 on 2 Peter & Jude, in 2<sup>nd</sup> series of messages under heading of NT)

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### **God's Certain Provisions (Chapter 1)**

#### **#1 Introduction & the Believer's Resources**

#### **#2 The Believer's Needs**

### **Man's Apostasy (Chapter 2)**

### **Christ's Certain Return (Chapter 3)**



## **Introduction & the Believers Resources 2 Peter 1:1-4**

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<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

<sup>3</sup> 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:

<sup>4</sup> 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.



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**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 Savior, Jesus Christ:

**Συμεὼν** [indeclinable form noun] **Simon** (son of Jona) an abbreviation of Simeon, -- example name of 2nd Son of Jacob, by Leah. (Gen 29:33 "Because Jehovah has heard that I am hated, he has therefore given me this one also; and she called his name **Simeon**") derived from Shamah, **to hear**.

-- Hitchcock's Bible names has **That Hears That Obeys**

**Πέτρος** [noun nom masc sing] **Peter** both in Hebrew Cephas & Greek Petros means **stone**

-- Jesus gives Simon this new name, see Mt 17

**δοῦλος** [noun nom masc sing] **bond slave, servant**

**καὶ** [conj] **and**

**ἀπόστολος** [noun nom masc sing] **apostle, personal representative**

**Ἰησοῦ** [noun gen masc sing, Ἰησοῦς] **of Jesus, deliverer**

**χριστου** [noun gen masc sing, Χριστός] **Christ, promised one**

**My original word order literal translation:**

**Simon Peter, servant and apostle of Jesus Christ**

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Savior, Jesus Christ:

τοῖς [def art dat masc pl, ὁ] **to those**

ἰσότιμον [adj **acc fem sing**, ἰσότημος] **equal, like, of same kind**

ἡμῖν [def art dat masc pl, ὁ] **us**

λαχοῦσιν [part aor act dat masc pl, λαγχάνω] **who received by divine will**

Friberg, of what comes to someone always apart from his own efforts... (3) of what comes by divine will *attain, receive, obtain* (2P 1.1)

Gingrich, *receive, obtain* (by lot or by divine will) Ac 1:17; 2 Pt 1:

Danker, *obtain a share* Ac 1:17; applied to receipt of faith 2 Pt 1:1.

Πίστιν [noun **acc fem sing**, πίστις] **faith, (noun not a verb, body of truth believed)**

**My original word order literal paraphrased translation:**

**To those like us who received faith**



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<sup>1</sup> 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 Savior, Jesus Christ:**

ἐν [prep, ἐν] **by**, (instrumental dative shows that the faith is from God)

δικαιοσύνη [noun dat fem sing, δικαιοσύνη] **righteousness, uprightness**

τοῦ θεοῦ [art+noun gen masc sing, ὁ θεός] **of the God (the specific one)**

ἡμῶν [pro pers gen pl, ἐγώ] **of us**

καὶ [conj] **and, even**

σωτήρος [noun gen masc sing, σωτήρ] **Savior, the one sent by God to deliver mankind**

Ἰησοῦ [noun gen masc sing, Ἰησοῦς] **Jesus, deliverer**

χριστοῦ [noun gen masc sing, Χριστός] **Christ, promised one**

**My original word order literal paraphrased translation:**

**by the righteousness of the God and Savior, Jesus, Christ**





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**2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you** in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

χάρις [noun nom fem sing, χάρις] **Grace**

ὑμῖν [pro pers dat pl. σύ] **to you**

καὶ [conj] **and**

εἰρήνη [noun nom fem sing, εἰρήνη] **peace**

Πληθυνθείη [verb optative aor pass 3rd pers sing, πληθύνω] **may it be multiplied**

**My original word order literal translation:**

**Grace to you and peace may it be multiplied**



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<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you **in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;**

ἐν [prep, ἐν] **by** (with dative of means object shows that this peace is multiplied by abundant knowledge of God)

ἐπιγνώσει [noun dat **fem sing**, ἐπίγνωσις] **abundant true knowledge**

Friberg, true knowledge; ...what one comes to know and appropriate through faith in Christ, (full) knowledge, acknowledgment, recognition (**this refers back to the faith we have received**)

τοῦ θεοῦ, [def art+noun gen masc sing, ὁ θεός ] **of the God**

καὶ [conj] **and, even**

Ἰησοῦ [noun gen masc sing, Ἰησοῦς] **Jesus, deliverer**

τοῦ κυρίου [def art+noun gen masc sing, ὁ κύριος] **the Lord**

ἡμῶν· [pro pers gen pl, ἐγώ] **of us**

**My original word order literal paraphrased translation:**

**by true knowledge of the God even Jesus the Lord of us.**



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<sup>3</sup> 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.

ὡς [conj] adverbial form of rel pro ὅς, ἧ, ὅ] **as, according as, seeing that**

πάντα [adj acc neut pl, πᾶς] **all things**

ἡμῖν [pro pers dat pl, ἐγώ] **to us**

τῆς θείας [def art+adj gen fem sing, ὁ θεῖος] **the divine**

Friberg, as related to God by nature *divine* (2P 1.3)

δυνάμεως [noun genitive feminine singular from δύναμις] **of power**

αὐτοῦ [pro pers gen masc sing, αὐτός] **of Him**

τὰ [def art acc neut pl, ὅ] **everything, all things**

πρὸς [prep] **relating to, about, concerning**

Friberg, III. with accusative; send something, toward or relating to

ζωὴν [noun acc **fem sing**, ζωή] **life, physical & spiritual, received by believers from God**

καὶ [conj] **and**

εὐσέβειαν [noun acc **fem sing**, εὐσέβεια] **God likeness, piety**

Friberg, respect for God, piety, god likeness

δεδωρημένης, [part perf pass gen fem sing, δωρέομαι] **has been given**

**My original word order literal translation:**

**Seeing that all things to us, the divine power of Him, everything relating to life and God likeness, has been given**

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<sup>3</sup> 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.**

διὰ [prep] with gen, **through**, by way of

τῆς ἐπίγνωσεως [def art+noun gen fem sing, ὁ ἐπίγνωσις] **abundant the true knowledge**

Friberg, true knowledge; ...what one comes to know and appropriate through faith in Christ, (full) knowledge, acknowledgment, recognition

τοῦ καλέσαντος [def art+part aor act gen masc sing, καλέω] **of the one who called** summoned

ἡμᾶς [pro pers acc pl, ἐγώ] **us**

διὰ [prep] with gen, **through**, by way of

δόξης [noun gen **fem sing**, δόξα] **glory**, radiance, brightness, splendor

καὶ [conj] **and**

ἀρετῆς· [noun gen **fem sing**, ἀρετή] **excellence**, virtue, worthiness, goodness

**My original word order literal paraphrased translation:**

**through the true knowledge of the one who called us through His glory and excellence**



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**4** For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

δι' [prep] with gen, **through, for by way of**  
ᾧν [pro rel gen **fem pl, ὅς**] **these**  
(refers back to **the faith, His glory & excellence**, His life, His all fem)

τὰ τίμια [def art+adj nom neut pl, ὁ τίμιος] **valuable, costly, the precious**  
ἡμῖν [pro pers dat pl, ἐγώ] **to us**  
καὶ [conj] **and**  
μέγιστα [adj nom neut pl superlative, μέγας] **magnificent, large, great**  
ἐπαγγέλματα [noun nom neut pl, ἐπάγγελμα] **promises**  
Friberg, content of a promise *thing promised* (2P 1.4)  
δεδωρηται, [verb ind perf pass 3rd pers sing, δωρέομαι] **have been given**

**My original word order literal paraphrased translation:**  
**For by way of these, the precious to us and magnificent promises have been given**

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<sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, **in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

ἵνα [conj] **so that, in order that**

διὰ [prep] with gen, **through, by way of**

τούτων [pro dem gen neut pl, οὗτος] **these (refers back to neuter promises)**

γένησθε [verb subj aor mid deponent 2nd pers pl, γίνομαι] **you may become, you may be**

θείας [adj **gen fem sing**, θεῖος] **divine, of god likeness**

Friberg, as related to God by nature *divine*

κοινωνοὶ [noun nom masc pl, κοινωνός] **partner, sharers**

Friberg, as one who fellowships and shares something in common with another *partner*

φύσεως, [noun **gen fem sing**, φύσις] **of nature**

**My original word order literal paraphrased translation:**

**in order that through these you may become of God likeness, sharers of *His* nature**



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<sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.**

ἀποφυγόντες [verb part aor act nom masc pl, ἀποφεύγω] **having escaped**, having fled  
τῆς [def art **gen fem sing**, ὁ] **of the, that**  
ἐν [prep] with locative dative, **in, within**  
κόσμῳ [noun dat masc sing, κόσμος] **world, organization**  
ἐν [prep] with instrumental dative, **by means of**  
ἐπιθυμία [noun dat fem sing, ἐπιθυμία] **lust**, strong impulse or desire  
φθορᾶς. [noun **gen fem sing**, φθορά] **corruption**, of destruction

**My original word order literal paraphrased translation:**  
**having escaped that, in world by means of lust, corruption**



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**My word order literal & paraphrased translation**

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### **As illustrations (and reminders):**

Phil 1:6 “For I am confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you will perfect it** until the day of Christ Jesus”.

Rom 8:28-31 “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* **conformed** to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; <sup>30</sup> and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?”

1 Cor 3:17-18 “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”



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### **A few facts in these four verses that are for us as believers in Christ**

- Peter's names & character; "Simon/Simeon" hears & obeys, "Peter" stone, and finally, slave or Christ, each carry parallels in us. Old man Simon who is named by man, a few hear God, New man Peter who is named and created new in kind by God as fixed in God like a rock. As the slave of Christ, he has the same function as Christ, to serve by revealing God's love through serving all, at the pleasure of his Heavenly Father. These titles of Peter show the contrast of our old vs new natures, Gal 5:17 flesh vs spirit, and Rm 7:18 in me no good thing... And in 2 Cor 5:17 in Christ we are new in kind creations, all things are new.
- The Reminders in 2 Peter, begin with God having given us the full body of true knowledge, the faith, which includes His promises, so that now He may use that believed true knowledge, to multiply our peace and to conform and transform us into His likeness. God is doing all this out of His infinity glory and excellence.