

# Second Peter

## “A Faith As Precious As Ours”

Text: [2 Peter 1:1-4](#)

### Introduction

- The Second Epistle of Peter is a short but significant part of the New Testament.
  - Written by Peter, "a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ" - [2 Peter 1:1](#)
  - Written to Christians of [1 Peter 1:1](#); [2 Peter 3:1](#) “second epistle”
  - Written shortly before his death - [2 Peter 1:12-15](#)
  - The "theme" of the epistle can be stated as "Beware, But Grow" - [2 Peter 3:17-18](#)
- In his greeting, Peter refers to several blessings or "gifts" from God and Jesus Christ
  - He used the word “precious” twice in these few verses to describe these gifts
    - "precious faith" ([1:1](#)) in this case “equal precious/value faith”
    - "precious promises" ([1:4](#))
  - Peter used it six times in 1 Peter as well - [1 Peter 1:7,19](#); [2:4,6,7](#); [3:4](#)

## 1. A Like Precious Faith (1)

*A Faith That Is "Like" what? Like Peter's*

[Jude 3](#)

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our **common** salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for **the** faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

*Notice That This Gift Is "Obtained"*

[Romans 10:17](#)

So then faith comes **by** hearing, and hearing **by** the word of God.

[1 Peter 1:20-21](#)

He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was **manifest** in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so **that** your faith and hope are in **God**. **by** the righteousness of our **God** and **Savior** Jesus Christ

[2 Peter 1:1](#)

*Why Is This Faith "Precious"?*

[Hebrews 11:1-2](#)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

- Because of the "object" of our faith: Jesus Christ, the Son of God!
- Because of all the blessings enjoyed by those with such faith!

## 2. Grace And Peace "Multiplied" (2)

*"Grace" And "Peace" Were Common Forms Of Greeting...*

- Grace - the greeting which requests God's unmerited favor upon the person addressed
- Peace - the greeting requesting the natural result of God's favor

*These Two Blessings Are "Multiplied" In The Knowledge Of God And Of Jesus Christ...*

[Ephesians 1:3](#)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every** spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in** Christ,

*Such fullness comes "in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ"*

[2 Peter 1:5-6](#)

add to your faith virtue, to virtue **knowledge**, to **knowledge** self-control

[2 Peter 1:8](#)

For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the **knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*...that's just first chapter and there's more*

*Notice that "growing in Grace must include "growing in knowledge"*

[2 Peter 3:18](#)

but grow in the grace and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

## 3. All Things That Pertain To Life And Godliness (3)

*Defining "Life And Godliness..."*

- "Life" refers to our spiritual life and well-being
- "Godliness" refers to the pious conduct which comes out of devotion to God

*"As His Divine Power Has Given To Us"*

[Colossians 2:12-13](#)

buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of **God**, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He** has made alive together with Him, having **forgiven** you all trespasses,

[Philippians 2:12-13](#)

as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is **God** who works in you both to **will** and to **do** for His good pleasure.

[Philippians 4:13](#)

I can do all things through **Christ** who strengthens me.

*"Through The Knowledge Of Him..." see Point #2*

## 4. Exceedingly Great And Precious Promises (4)

*They Are "Exceedingly Great And Precious" Because...*

- you may be partakers of the divine nature
- having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

*A Sampling Of These "Precious Promises"...*

*Promises already received:*

- The forgiveness of sins: [Acts 2:38](#)
- The gift of the Holy Spirit: [Acts 2:38](#)
- The assurance of God's care and strength

[1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

No **temptation** has overtaken you except such as is **common** to man; but God is **faithful**, who will not allow you to be tempted **beyond** what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of **escape**, that you may be able to **bear** it.

*Promises yet to be received:*

- The redemption of our body, at the Resurrection - [Romans 8:23](#); [1 Corinthians 15:50-53](#)
- The inheritance that is reserved in heaven - [1 Peter 1:3-4](#)
- The new heavens and new earth - [2 Peter 3:13](#)