

2ND PETER

Today we begin studying Peter's second letter. It is addressed once more to believers who are undergoing stressful and worrisome issues. Yet, we shall see that the biggest issue he is concerned about in this letter is the danger of false teachers.



CHAPTER 1:1-2

¹ Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: ² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Notice how our author identifies himself once more as a servant of Jesus. Yet, he also chooses to refer to himself as "Simon Peter" in this letter. Why do you think that might be?

Peter addresses those who have **"received a faith as precious as ours."** Think on that a moment. How does that strike you?

To what or to whom does Peter attribute their faith - and what does that indicate to you?

Why would we need an abundance of grace and peace?

In the next section, Peter reminds them of something incredible that the Lord has blessed them with.

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

What do Christ followers need to live like God wants them to that they are still lacking?

If this is so, why do we sometimes feel so ill-equipped and powerless in our walk with Jesus?

What are the promises God has made to us?

What is meant by the idea that we can **"participate in the divine nature"** – and, why aren't more of us doing so?

Points to Ponder

In Acts Jesus told His disciples to wait to receive power from above. Could this be the divine power that Peter refers to?

If we participate in the divine nature, does that mean we become gods ourselves?

