

“2nd Peter #1”

2nd Peter 1:1-4 (Greetings and God’s faithfulness to transform us)

Introduction: 1st Peter deals with problems from the outside; 2nd Peter deals with problems from inside... warns against false teachers coming in with false doctrines, with the aim of leading us astray. It Encourages us to be diligent in our faith, to pursue moral excellence, godliness, knowledge and self-control. With the understanding that we cannot do this apart from Christ Jesus, a life of faith, godliness and longsuffering can only be accomplished in Christ... *Christ in me the hope of glory!*

Text: 2nd Peter 1:1 (NKJV) Read

Look at a couple important things in Peters greeting:

- #1... Peter a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ!

Bondservant: Greek – Doulos *“One who is subservient and entirely at the disposal of his master.”*

“In Roman times the term bondservant or slave could refer to someone who voluntarily served others.”

Apostle: *“one sent on a mission.”*

“In Christianity, a disciple is broadly anyone who follows Jesus Christ and His teachings, while an apostle is someone specifically chosen by Jesus to spread the gospel...”

- We know that we are all called to spread the gospel, but an Apostle has a special authority and leadership, Insite and gifting. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

- #2... To those who have obtained like precious faith... Lit. *“those who received faith of the same value”*

(NIV) *“To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours.”*

- In other words, this faith does not diminish with time... the same faith the apostles and the early church had we to have. (Amen)
- And how do we obtain this faith... (V1b) *"By the righteousness of our God and savior Jesus Christ."*

Romans 3:21-26 Read (NKJV)

Text: 2nd Peter 1:2-4 (NKJV) Read

- V2 - Grace and peace be multiplied to you... Peter says the same thing in 1st Peter 1:2 *"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father... grace to you and peace be multiplied."*
- V3 - His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness!

How: *"Through the knowledge of Him."*

(NIV) *"His divine power has granted us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence..."*

- V4... This verse plus a revelation or understanding I received at a conference I just returned from... literary changed my life and understanding of the gospel.

Conference... *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* (John 14:15)

- 3rd session: panel of three discussing law and gospel, near the end one of the pastors made this statement...

"If you love me, keep my commandments" is not a commandment, it's a promise...!

Went to my room and began to pray and God gave me this verse... (NIV)

"He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of His divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desires." (2nd Peter 1:4)