

# *2 Peter 1*

## *Week One*

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# 2 Peter 1:1-15

## Day 1- 2 Peter 1:1-15

Read 2 Peter 1:1-15 in your Bible.

Read the passage again in a different version if possible:

- Underline/highlight key words, phrases, and verses that stand out to you.
- Circle any form of the word “know.”

## Day 2- 2 Peter 1:1-2

1. Who is this letter written to?

2. How has this faith become ours according to verse 1?

3. How are grace and peace increased in our lives according to verse 2?

4. How many times in Chapter 1 did you circle some form of the word “know” on Day 1?



The theme of Peter’s second letter is true knowledge of God and what that means for our lives. As you study this letter, ask God to help you see the ways that you try to shape Him into your own understanding. As you read and study and pray, ask God to conform your thoughts to who He truly is and to believe what He says to us in His Word. Pray that your love for God would grow as you come to know Him better through this letter.

### **Day 3- 2 Peter 1:3-4**

Scholar’s Corner: Godliness- Devoutness, piety, devotion to God, a reverence toward God that governs one’s attitude toward every aspect of life.

5. How have we received everything we need to live a godly life according to verse 3?

Going Deeper: This knowledge of God is not merely an intellectual gathering of facts, but an experiential knowing of God through a relationship with Him. Look up the following verses and explain how they further express the importance of knowing God.

John 17:3

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Hosea 6:6

6. According to verse 4, what else have we already been given that enables us to live a godly life?

Picture and Ponder: “True knowledge of God is always attended by a fixed belief in God’s promises.” –David R. Helm

7. Besides living a godly life (partaking in the divine nature), what else do God’s promises enable us to do according to verse 4?

Going Deeper: In what sense do we partake in the divine nature of God? Look up:

1 Corinthians 2:11-14-

John 14:16-17-



Do you feel like you have everything you need to live a godly life? Sometimes we might feel like we don’t have nearly what we need to live a godly life in the circumstances we find ourselves in. We might even feel like we got short changed in this area. Others seem to have a much easier time being godly in their situations. But God tells us very clearly that He has given us everything we need to live a godly life, and our circumstances aren’t bigger or truer than God. He has ordained the circumstances of your life and you have the opportunity to glorify Him in a unique way through those circumstances. God has provided all that you need through His Son, His Spirit, and His Word. Are you neglecting the great provisions God has made for you? How can you better take advantage of all God has

provided? In faith, thank God now for ordaining the circumstances in your life and for providing everything you need to live a godly life.

## Day 4- 2 Peter 1:5-11

8. Verse 5 begins with the words, “For this very reason.” In verses 3 and 4, Peter gives us the motivation for the mandate he will give in verses 5-7. Summarize the “very reason” Peter is referring to (verses 3-4) by explaining in your own words the wonderful things God has accomplished for us that enable us to live the life Peter is calling us to.
  
9. What words does Peter use in verses 5 and 10, (think verbs) in connection with the qualities in verse 5, that show how we cooperate with God to grow in our faith and keep from falling.

Scholar’s Corner: “Peter urgently calls for a progressive, active Christianity. It is by faith alone that we are saved through grace, but this saving faith does not continue by itself (Ephesians 2:8-10). We are to make every effort to add to our faith. In NT times the word “add” (epichoregein) was used of making a rich or lavish provision. (ESV and NLT use the word supplement)” -Expositor’s Commentary

10. What keeps us from becoming ineffective or unfruitful believers?

11. What is the reason that a believer would be lacking in these qualities according to verse 9?

Picture and Ponder: “No sin can be crucified either in heart or life unless it first be pardoned in conscience...If it be not mortified in its guilt, it cannot be subdued in its power.”- William Romaine

♥ Forgetting who we really are has everything to do with the way we live. If we still see ourselves as condemned prisoners who are slaves to sin then that is the way we will live. Defeated, burdened, unfruitful, always with something to prove. But if we continually remind ourselves that we no longer owe a debt for our sins because they are completely paid for and that we are counted righteous in the eyes of God because of Jesus’ life and death then we are free to live and love as a beloved, forgiven, accepted children of the King. If you do not see these qualities taking root and growing in your life maybe you have become blind to the blessings you have in Jesus. You need to remember your true identity as a child of God by recalling His precious and very great promises to you. Make a list of some of the blessings and promises you have in Christ and put it where you can read it often throughout the day.

12. Cultivating these qualities does not get us into heaven, but how do they make our calling sure, or in other words, assure us that we are truly saved? See Ephesians 2:8-10, John 15:4-5, and 1 John 3:18-19 for help.

## Day 5- 2 Peter 1:12-15

13. What theme is Peter emphasizing in verses 12-15?

14. Why is it so important to be reminded of what we have learned? Whose help do we have in remembering the things we have been taught? (John 14:26)

Scholar's Corner: "The word translated "established" here can also mean to *stabilize* or *strengthen*. In this way, Peter wants his readers to progress in the gospel from strength to strength." -David R. Helm

Going Deeper: Look up Luke 22:31-32. How is the same word "strengthen" used here and how does it relate to Peter's letter?



Meditate on Psalm 103. David the Psalmist is urging his own soul not to forget all the benefits he has as God's child. List all the things from this passage that we should not forget.

One Thing: Look back over this week's study. Pick one thing that God impressed on you, or convicted you about, or something new that you learned and write it here. ***How will knowing this impact the way you think and act?*** Consider sharing with your group.