

# 2 Peter

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## Part 1: Introduction of 2 Peter

Where is 2 Peter in the Bible?

What is 2 Peter about?

Who was Peter?

Where was Peter? Who did he write to?

When was 2 Peter written?

- Becomes a disciple of Jesus (A.D. 28/30)
- Preaches at Pentecost . . . (30/33)
- Becomes key church leader (30/33)
- Imprisoned . . . rescued (41-44\*)
- Leaves Jerusalem (44)
- Goes to Rome (50-54\*)
- Nero's reign (54-68)
- Writes first letter . . . (62-63\*)
- Fire in Rome; Nero blames, kills many Christians (64 [July 19])
- After writing second letter, is martyred . . . (64-67\*)<sup>1</sup>

What about 2 Peter's canonicity?

## Part 2: Greeting the Faithful (2 Peter 1:1-4)

Read: Greeting the Faithful (1:1-4)

**1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,**

**To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:**

**2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.**

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<sup>1</sup> *ESV Study Bible* (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2016), 2,416

## Explain: Greeting to the Called & Contend for the Faith (1:1-4)

### Are there any literary/structural observations?

### What are the most repeated words in 2 Peter?

Their/them/themselves/they (42), you/your (28), he/his/him (22), our/us/we (21), \_\_\_\_\_ (21), Lord (15), I/my (11), day (9), Jesus (9), \_\_\_\_\_/knowing/known/knows (9), Christ (8), God (7), knowledge (7), righteous/righteousness (7), beloved (6), destruction/destructive (6), holy (6), own (6)

### What are the most repeated words in this text?

Us/our (6), Jesus (3), Christ (2), divine (2), given (2), God (2), him/his (2), \_\_\_\_\_ (2), precious (2), you (2)

### What do the words mean?

**1 Simon** ["harkening;" Simeon, Simon] **Peter** [a (piece of) rock; as a name, Petrus, an apostle: Peter, rock], **a bondservant** [*doulos*; a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency): bond(-man), servant] **and apostle** [a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ ("apostle") (with miraculous powers): apostle, messenger, he that is sent] **of Jesus** ["Jehovah is salvation"] **Christ** ["anointed"],

**To those who have obtained** [second aorist active participle; to lot, i.e., determine (by implication, receive) especially by lot: his lot be, cast \_\_\_\_\_, obtain] **like precious** [of \_\_\_\_\_ value or honor: like precious] **faith** [*pistis*; persuasion, i.e., credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, constancy in such profession; by extension, the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity] **with us by the righteousness** [equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification: righteousness] **of our God** [*theos*] **and Savior** [*soter*; a deliverer, i.e., God or Christ: savior] **Jesus Christ:** [The one definite art. governing the two nouns . . . indicates that they are the same person, thus stressing the deity of Jesus<sup>2</sup>]

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<sup>2</sup> Cleon L. Rogers Jr and Cleon L. Rogers III, *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1998), 581

**2 Grace** [*charis*; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude): acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy)] **and peace** [peace (literally or figuratively); by implication, prosperity: one, peace, quietness, rest, set at one again] **be multiplied** [aorist passive optative; to increase (transitively or intransitively): abound, multiply] **to you in the knowledge** [*epignosis*; recognition, i.e., (by implication) \_\_\_\_\_ discernment, acknowledgement: (ac-)knowledge(-ing, -ment)] **of God and of Jesus our Lord** [*kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e., (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title): God, Lord, master, Sir], **3 as His divine** [*theios*; godlike (neuter as noun, divinity): divine, godhead] **power** [*dynamis*; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) \_\_\_\_\_] **has given** [perfect passive participle; to bestow gratuitously: give] **to us all things that pertain to life** [*zoe*; life (literally or figuratively): life(-time)] **and godliness** [piety; specially, the gospel scheme: godliness, holiness; used in **1:3, 6, 7; 3:11**], **through the knowledge** [*epignosis*] **of Him who called** [aorist active participle; to "call" (properly, aloud, but used in a variety of applications, directly or otherwise): bid, call (forth), (whose, whose sur-)name (was called))] **us by glory** [*doxa*; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): dignity, glory(-ious), honor, praise, worship] **and virtue** [properly, manliness (valor), i.e., excellence (intrinsic or attributed): praise, virtue], **4 by which have been given** [perfect passive (Robertson: middle) indicative; to bestow gratuitously: give] **to us exceedingly great** [\_\_\_\_\_*istos*; greatest or very great: exceeding great] **and precious** [valuable, i.e., (objectively) costly, or (subjectively) honored, esteemed, or (figuratively) beloved: dear, honorable, (more, most) precious, had in reputation] **promises** [a self-committal (by assurance of conferring some good): promise], **that through these you may be** [second aorist middle deponent subjunctive; to cause to be ("gen"-erate)] **partakers** [*koinonos*; a \_\_\_\_\_, i.e., associate: companion, partaker, partner] **of the divine** [*theios*] **nature** [*physis*; growth (by germination or expansion), i.e., (by implication) natural production (lineal descent); by extension, a genus or sort; figuratively, native disposition, constitution or usage: (man-)kind, nature(-al)], **having escaped** [second aorist active participle; to escape: escape] **the corruption** [decay, i.e., ruin (spontaneous or inflicted, literally or figuratively): corruption, destroy, perish] **that is in the world** [*kosmos*; orderly arrangement, i.e., decoration; by implication, the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively (morally)): adorning, world] **through lust** [a longing (especially for what is forbidden): concupiscence, desire, lust (after)].

## Apply (What is the point?)

1. All believers are on equal \_\_\_\_\_ footing
2. Jesus is God
3. We have \_\_\_\_\_ we need
4. God protects His own

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Rejoice that we are not second-class children
2. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is God
3. Trust Him
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## Next week: Fruitful Growth in the Faith (1:5-11)

**5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**

**10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

## Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times in multiple ways) (**2 Peter 1:5-11**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

## Extra Credit

**Watch:** The Bible Project video on **2 Peter** ([youtube.com/watch?v=wWLV\\_ITyKYc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWLV_ITyKYc))

## Resources

**1.** *ESV Study Bible*; **2.** Michael Green, *2 Peter and Jude*; **3.** A. T. Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament*; **4.** Cleon L. Rogers Jr and Cleon L. Rogers III, *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament*