

2 PETER—CHAPTER ONE

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REAFFIRMING TRUTH

CONTEXT: What was the setting for Peter's writing of his second letter?

- A. Written between 64 and 68 A.D.
- B. Believed to be written from Rome where Peter spent his last years
- C. Written to persons Peter seemingly knew very well—scattered—were facing a specific false teaching—largely Gentiles or a mixture of Jews and Gentiles
- D. Their difficulties with false teachers prompted Peter to write again to ENCOURAGE them and WARN them of the dangers they faced.

THEOLOGY:

- A. Emphasis on holy living—Motivation for holy living is connected to the imminent return of Christ along with the punishment and rewards Jesus would bring
- B. Emphasis on refuting false teachings
- C. Stresses Sanctification (progressive separation from sin—set apart—become like Christ)

5 THEMES OF PETER'S TEACHING

- A. Asserts his own authority and that of the apostles—this would help to distinguish truth from error.
- B. Connecting following Christ to living a life of holiness
- C. Warning against imitating arrogant and false teachers who were slandering spiritual beings
- D. Encouragement to remain faithful to the truths of the faith
- E. Encouragement to be patient—the day of the Lord had been delayed but it remained imminent.

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1. Addition of Christian Graces Gives Assurance—“The full knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord” is the foundation on which Christian character is built.
2. Authority of the Scriptures Attested by Fulfilled Prophecy—Scripture gives light for obedience in dark days.
3. Apostasy Brought in by False Teachers—Church should beware of false teachers and not false prophets.

4. Attitude Toward Return of the Lord—A Test of Apostates
5. Agenda for the World—Past World, Present World, Future World
6. Admonition to Believers—Knowledge of God’s program is an incentive to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

FINAL NOTES:

1. Growing Up in Christ

- A. Shared Faith—Because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ—Righteousness

2. Gifts From God

- A. Grace

- B. Peace

3. Growing In Faith

- A. Share His divine nature

- B. Escape the world’s corruption

You have everything you need to live a godly life. Salvation provided all that was necessary.

Because of Who He is, God has given us GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES.

