

## **Book of 2 Peter—2 Peter 1**

### **Knowledge**

#### **I. Additional Scriptures/Notes...**

**INTRO:** “The keynote of this whole epistle is knowledge (2 Pet. 1:2,3,5,6,8; 2 Pet. 2:20,21; and 2 Pet. 3:18); but it is a very special kind of knowledge which is meant. The Greek word is [epignosis], that is, precise and correct knowledge. It is the real or genuine knowledge, founded upon the word of God, not the knowledge that is falsely so-called” [*James Burton Coffman’s Commentaries*].

**1:3... all things that pertain to life and godliness**—“These words are to be closely construed with verse 2. On our part there is no occasion for alarm that we will not be properly supplied seeing that all things pertaining to life and godliness have been granted us. ‘Life’ refers to the spiritual vigor which the souls possesses; ‘godliness’ to the conduct necessary to preserve and maintain it. This verse is a clear affirmation of the sufficiency of God’s revelation to man, as well as an unmistakable assurance that every need of every kind will be supplied” [Guy N. Woods, *Commentary on Second Peter*, p. 148].

**1:14...** “The Revised Version (ASV, DRL) more correctly conveys the meaning of the original text. He did not say that he must soon put aside his tabernacle, but that the putting off, when it did come, would be sudden and swift” [Guy N. Woods, *Commentary on Second Peter*, p. 156].

**1:19... And we have the word of prophecy made more sure (ASV).** Hugo McCord translates this verse: “**Besides, we have the message of the prophets more fully confirmed.**” Tim Nichols writes: “What the Old Testament prophets had foretold as the future, however, Peter and the other apostles were now revealing as history. The certain and sure prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the coming of Christ are now materialized facts of history. In the days of the Old Testament prophets, the coming of Christ was inevitable. In Peter’s day it was history.” [in, *Studies in 1, 2 Peter and Jude*, edited by Dub McClish, page 494].

**1:20... is of any private interpretation**—“The meaning is, No prophecy comes or springs into existence by means of private interpretation” [Guy N. Woods, *Commentary on Second Peter*, p. 161].

#### **II. ADVANCED STUDY (extra study posts)—Links to the WWW...**

From the following link you can study further from several articles and sermon outlines that relate to the study of 2 Peter 1.

<http://lemmonsaid.wordpress.com/2008/11/25/2-peter-1-links/>

#### **III. Chronology.**

**BIBLE PERIOD: The Period of the Church.**

#### **IV. Summary.**

Peter’s second letter begins with a MOST encouraging note in verse 3 which helps us to know that we have all that we need through the knowledge of Christ. He seems unable to add enough adjectives to the word PROMISES, which ought to cause us to think about the many blessings of living a faithful Christian life. He points to some special qualities which will be ours as we diligently add to our faith the qualities which our Lord would have us to develop. We cannot

be fruitless if we abound in these graces. If we are lacking then we need to think more seriously about what we have received in Christ. Peter's desire is to REMIND us of things that are very important so that we might be established in the present truth (v. 12). He remembers the time of the Transfiguration when he and two other apostles heard the voice of the Lord (Mt 17:5). He praises the holy Scriptures as coming from holy men of God moved by the Holy Ghost.

**V. Outline.**

1. Greeting (2 Peter 1:1-2).
2. All things pertaining to life and godliness (v. 3).
3. Great and precious promises (v. 4).
4. Christian graces (vv. 5-11).
5. Putting us in remembrance (12-15).
6. Remembering the transfiguration (16-18).
7. Inspiration (19-21).

**VI. Questions.**

**True or False**

01. \_\_\_\_\_ The prophets of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
02. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter thought of himself as being in a tabernacle.
03. \_\_\_\_\_ There is a verse in this reading wherein the word IF is very significant.
04. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter wrote his second epistle to Christians.
05. \_\_\_\_\_ The event in the life of Christ Peter referred to in verses 17-18 is recorded in Matthew 3:16-17.

**Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)**

06. \_\_\_\_\_ That which Peter did NOT follow when preaching the gospel of Christ was: (a) his own testimony; (b) fables; (c) the mystery.
07. \_\_\_\_\_ In order to partake of the divine nature, Peter indicates we must first escape: (a) corruption of this world; (b) that which comes through lust; (c) a & b; (d) none of these.
08. \_\_\_\_\_ We do well that we take heed of this: (a) warnings of teachers; (b) the more sure word of prophecy; (c) our faith.
09. \_\_\_\_\_ How long did Peter feel he heeded to put others in remembrance: (a) while they were with him; (b) while he was in this tabernacle; (c) never.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Having the Christian graces means we will not be: (a) saved; (b) complete; (c) barren.

**Fill in the Blanks**

11. Peter talked about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ promises.
12. Doing the things Peter lists means an entrance will be ministered unto us \_\_\_\_\_.
13. We do well to take heed to the \_\_\_\_\_ word of prophecy.
14. **For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but \_\_\_\_\_ men of God spake as they were \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Ghost.**
15. **According as his divine power hath given unto us \_\_\_\_\_ things that pertain unto \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.**

*Each Question is worth 7 Points*

**My Score is: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Answers will be found on next week's handout*

**ANSWERS to 1 Peter 5 Questions...** [(1) False, 1 Pet 5:4; (2) True, 1 Pet 5:12; (3) True, 1 Pet 5:2; (4) True, 1 Pet 5:6; (5) True, 1 Pet 5:10; (6) c, 1 Pet 5:14; (7) b, 1 Pet 5:6; (8) c, 1 Pet 5:3; (9) a, 1 Pet 5:5; (10) c, 1 Pet 5:11; (11) crown, glory, not, 1 Pet 5:4; (12) careth, 1 Pet 5:7; (13) Babylon, 1 Pet 5:13; (14) adversary, 1 Pet 5:8; (15) witness, 1 Pet 5:1].

**VII. Lessons & Applications.**

1. **...all things that pertain to life and godliness** (2 Peter 1:3). This verse has to be one of the most encouraging verses in Scripture along with 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 1 Corinthians 10:13. I like the way the *Analytical-Literal Translation* renders this verse: “as [*fig., seeing that*] His divine power has given to us all the [*things*] pertaining to life and godliness through the full [*or, true*] knowledge of the One having called us by glory and moral excellence.” Of course, THE FULL OR TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ONE HAVING CALLED US is found in the Holy Scriptures! We must recognize that, having God’s Word, we have all that we need to live a faithful Christian life here upon this earth! If it is our desire to live eternally, that necessary Guidebook, is available!
2. **...that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature...** (2 Peter 1:4). This phrase raises the question: “In what sense do Christians become partakers of the divine nature?” Tim Nichols gives the following excellent answer: “God’s Word, when it is gladly received into the heart, is wholly sufficient and **alone**, sufficient to produce all the effects upon the heart of man that God wishes to produce. The Scriptures, the power of God, illuminate and enlighten us (Psalms 19:8; 119:105; 130; Proverbs 6:23; 2 Peter 1:19), sanctify us (John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26), purify us (Psalms 119:9; 1 Peter 1:22), give us confident hope (Romans 15:14; 1 John 5:13), give us compelling reasons to believe (John 20:31), admonish and warn us of God’s judgment (1 Corinthians 10:11), melt our stubborn hearts (Romans 2:4), and they teach us everything, down to the last jot and tittle, that God wishes for us to know and that we need to know in order to live godly lives in this world (Deuteronomy 29:29; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). ... His Word provides us with both the **motives** and the **means** to become godly people. In order to obtain His promises we must **obey** His expressed will (Hebrews 5:9). When one will surrender his or her own will to the will of God, turn from the “**corruption that is in the world through lust**” (2 Peter 1:4), and turn toward God with an unfeigned, obedient faith, one will become a partaker “**of the divine nature**” (1:4). This “partaking” is profound, elevated, and deeply spiritual. It is not, however, mysterious or unexplainable. One does not **feel** his way to this condition through some intuitive maze. One hears, believes, and acts upon fixed and unchanging Truths that can be communicated to others (2 Timothy 2:2).” [in, *Studies in 1, 2 Peter and Jude*, edited by Dub McClish, pages 490-91].
2. **...having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust** (2 Peter 1:4). Cf., 1 John 2:15-17. These corrupt things which Christians have escaped are not lasting, but will be done away. What a blessing that our Lord has provided a way for us to escape eternal destruction!
3. **...give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall** (2 Peter 1:10). It requires great effort, but IF (which is a BIG word here), we do so, we can be sure of our eternal salvation. The doctrine of once-saved-always-saved is FALSE. However, we CAN be assured of our salvation; there is no reason to lack assurance!
4. **...holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost** (2 Peter 1:21). Divine inspiration. These words are God-breathed. They are the very words God intended for us to have.

5. **But there were false prophets also among the people...** (2 Peter 2:1). It is sad that this statement is true. However, we have the truth and we need to be good students of the Scriptures and lovers of truth (Proverbs 23:23).

**VIII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.**

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 N G B M G N V S D O C X S Q C Z X B N H  
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*[The words (or word locaters) listed below are to be found in the text of our lesson. They also are found in the puzzle above. This is just one more way to reinforce what you have studied from the text. Why not read the whole verse where the word is found one more time as you do the puzzle? Thank you for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. Let’s desire the sincere milk of the word that we may grow (1 Pet 2:2). DRL]*

<b>2 Peter 1</b>	
like precious faith, verse 1	temperance, 6
all things, verse 3	godliness, 7
promises, verse 4	blind, 9
diligence, verse 5	sure, 10
abound, verse 8	remembrance, 12
abundantly, verse 11	stir, 13
tabernacle, verse 14	able, 15
voice, verse 17	majesty 16
we heard, verse 17	more sure, 19
multiplied, 2	

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