

Section 1 - 2 Peter 1:1-2

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

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1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle (special messenger, personally chosen representative) of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received and possess [by God's will] a precious faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace [that special sense of spiritual well-being] be multiplied to you in the [true, intimate] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (AMP)

Questions

- (vs 1) Who wrote the letter? Why might Peter identify himself as Simon and Peter? How does Peter describe himself? Notice the order of words of how Peter describes himself. Is that significant? Have you chosen to be the servant (or bond-servant) of Christ Jesus? Why would a believer choose to do that?

- (v 1) Who is this letter written to? How did they receive their faith? Who provided the faith? How is Jesus Christ described?
 - (v 1) Is the faith of the apostles and the faith of Peter's recipients the same? Why might Peter point that out?
 - (v 2) By what means do abundant grace and peace come to the believer? With what kind of knowledge do we need to know God and Jesus our Lord to experience grace and peace? Can you have peace without grace?
 - What is something from our passage or study you are challenged to ponder further this week?
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Suggested Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to learn more about you and how to live for you through reading and studying this letter written by Simon Peter. Teach me to be your servant and what it truly means to live to serve you. Thank you Jesus for being my righteous God and Savior. Thank you for giving me the same precious faith in our Savior Jesus Christ that Peter and the apostles had. Lord, bless me with your abundant grace and peace as I grow in my knowledge of God and of Jesus my Lord. Amen.