

2 PETER/JUDE

STAND FIRM

Growing In Truth. Guarding The Faith. Living Ready.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED

2 PETER 1:1-4

But both letters deal with big questions:

- How do Christians remain faithful when the culture around them is changing?
- How do we recognize truth when so many competing voices claim to have it?
- How do we identify spiritual deception?
- What do we do when people distort grace and use Christianity to justify ungodly living?
- How should we live if we really believe Jesus is coming again?
- How do we stand firm without becoming angry, frightened, cynical, or combative?

2 Peter 1:1-4 (NIV)

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.

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

BIG IDEA: God has already provided everything we need to become the people He has called us to be.

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life...

1. OUR FAITH IS RECEIVED, NOT EARNED

2 Peter 1:1

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

- We don't obey to make God accept us. We obey because He's already accepted us in Christ.
- Our obedience is never to get; it's always to give.

2. KNOWING JESUS IS THE KEY TO ABUNDANT LIVING

2 Peter 1:2-3

Grace and peace be yours in *abundance* through the *knowledge* of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a *godly life* through our *knowledge* of him...

- True spiritual knowledge is more than just having information.
- Christian maturity is not just about knowing more of Jesus; it's about knowing Jesus more.

3. WE ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED

2 Peter 1:3

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life..."

Philippians 2:13:

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

- God never calls us to be something He won't empower us to become.
- All I need to become who God intends me to be is included in His provision through Christ.
- I may not have everything I want, but in Christ I have everything I need to become the person God called me to be.

4. GOD HAS CALLED US TO MORE THAN JUST BEING FORGIVEN

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him *who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that *through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

- Jesus didn't die just to change **where you go when you die**. He came to change **who you are while you live**.
- Jesus didn't only come to change our destination; He came to transform our character.

James 1:14-15 (NLT)

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

5. GOD'S PROMISES GIVE US CONFIDENCE FOR THE JOURNEY

2 Peter 1:4

Through these *he has given us his very great and precious promises*, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires

- Faith doesn't rest on what I can see; faith rests on the character of the God who made the promise.

1. Am I Living From Grace Or Trying To Earn God's Approval?
2. Am I Growing to Know Jesus More Deeply?
3. Where Am I Living As Though God Has Not Provided Enough?
4. Where Is God Trying To Transform Me?