

Second Peter: Courageous Living in Chaotic Days
The Duel
2 Peter 1:1-2

Last week in our introduction we attempted to gain a broad understanding of the Apostle Peter's ...

→ **Mindset**

- He knew he would not be in this world much longer...

→ **Motive**

- He didn't want the believers to fall in the midst of difficult days like he had done when he denied Jesus...

→ **Mission**

- He wanted to strengthen the Church as Jesus commanded him to do in Luke 22...

→ **Meaning**

- He knew their only hope to not fall to temptation, persecution, false teaching was to KNOW GOD...
- To know Him personally, intimately, and completely...

I also gave you last week, and have supplied it again, a general outline for the letter...

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 A Journey through Second Peter

The Walk	The Word	The War	The Wait
2 Peter 1:3-11	2 Peter 1:12-21	2 Peter 2:1-22	2 Peter 3:1-16

If you will take a look at the outline you will see that I have left out the first two verses and the last two verses of the letter...

These FOUR VERSES form the BOOKENDS of the letter...

We must see the reality of the duality to understand the gravity of our responsibility

2 Peter 1:1–2 (ESV) — Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

1. The Duel NAMES

2 Peter 1:1 (ESV) — Simeon Peter ...

➤ **His *BIRTH* Name...**

... **SIMEON** ...

This was his name **BEFORE** Christ...

This was his given name at **BIRTH**

➤ **His *PROCLAIMED* Name...**

... **PETER** ...

This was his name **AFTER** Christ...

This was his given name in Christ...

Matthew 16:18 (ESV) — And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1. The *Duel* NAMES

2. The *Duel* CALLINGS

2 Peter 1:1 (ESV) — ... a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ ...

➤ **His *GENERAL* Calling...**

... **SERVANT**...

Matthew 23:11 (ESV) — The greatest among you shall be your servant.

We are ALL on equal ground regarding our general calling to serve the Lord and serve one another...

The FRUIT of the Spirit compels us to fulfill our general calling to SERVE...

➤ **His *SPECIFIC* Calling...**

... **APOSTLE**...

Next we see Peter's **SPECIFIC CALLING**...

1 Peter 4:10–11 (ESV) — As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The GIFTS of the Spirit empower us to fulfill our SPECIFIC calling to the body of Christ...

1. The *Duel* NAMES

2. The *Duel* CALLINGS

3. The *Duel* IDENTITIES

2 Peter 1:2 (ESV) — ... our God and Savior Jesus Christ ...

➤ **The *DEITY* of Jesus...**

John 1:1–3 (ESV) — In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the

beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:14 (ESV) — And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

➤ ***The DESTINY of Jesus...***

Jesus' destiny was to REDEEM...

John 12:27 (ESV) — Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

1. The Duel NAMES

2. The Duel CALLINGS

3. The Duel IDENTITIES

4. The Duel NATURES

2 Peter 1:1b–2 (ESV) — ... To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

➤ ***Our POSITION***

2 Peter 1:1b (ESV) — ... To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) — For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Corinthians 1:30 (ESV) — And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

➤ ***Our PURSUIT***

2 Peter 1:2 (ESV) — May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

The word used here for “multiply” means...

πληθύνω^a: to increase greatly in number or extent—‘to grow, to increase greatly, to multiply.’

Our justification and our sanctification

2 Peter 3:17–18 (ESV) — You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

The word used here for grow is the word, “auxano” which means...

αὐξάνω_a and αὔξω: to increase in the extent of or in the instances of an activity or state—‘to increase, to grow, to spread, to extend.’

Galatians 5:16–17 (ESV) — But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

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➤ **His** _____ **Name**

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2. The Duel _____

➤ **His** _____ **Calling**

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3. The Duel _____

➤ **The** _____ **of Jesus**

➤ **The** _____ **of Jesus**

4. The Duel _____

➤ **Our** _____

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