

2 Peter 1:1-2

2 Peter was written in 66 A.D., most likely in Rome. Peter was martyred in 67 A.D. and was aware his time on earth was short (1:14).

2 Peter in a nutshell:

Faith – Chapter 1
False Teachers – Chapter 2
Future Things – Chapter 3
Or...
Believe – Chapter 1
Beware – Chapter 2
Be Ready – Chapter 3

Faith	False Teachers	Future Things
The Growth of Faith 1:3-11	Their conduct 2:1-2	Delusion 3:1-9
The Ground of Faith 1:12-21	Their Condemnation 2:4-9	Destruction 3:10-13
	Their Characteristics 2:10-22	Diligence 3:14-18

Verse 1

Simon Peter, a bond-servant...

The bond-servant ceremony:
Exodus 21:2-6
Deuteronomy 15:12-17

And apostle of Jesus Christ...

The Lord chose to give his Word and establish the church through His apostles. Apostolic authority was, and is, key to sound doctrine and silencing false teachers.

To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours – This faith is described by two Greek words. The first means “*equal in quantity or quality*” and the second means “*held as of a great price*”.

NASV – *A faith of the same kind...*
NIV – *A faith as precious as ours...*
KJV – *Like precious faith with us...*
ESV – *A faith of equal standing with ours...*

Peter’s point is that all believers have the same essential faith that the apostles had including all of its spiritual benefits.

By the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ – We are able to exercise faith because the righteousness of God is satisfied in His Son (Romans 3:24-26).

God and Savior – The Greek construction demands that we translate “*God and Savior*”. Jesus is the God / Man.

Verse 2

Grace and peace be multiplied to you –

This was a common greeting for the apostles. Because of the grace of God we can experience the peace of God. God’s grace produces:

-Peace with God – Romans 5:1
-Peace of God – Philippians 4:7

In the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord – The word for knowledge literally means “*full knowledge*”. False teachers often teach that there is a deeper knowledge of God that only

they can impart. Peter declares that we have full knowledge received through His Word at the moment we believe.

Jesus our Lord – Notice that life is received by faith in “...*our God and Savior*”. The Lordship of Jesus grows in our lives as we grow in the *full knowledge* of who He is. We may have a head knowledge that never touches our heart... but we may also have a heart knowledge that never touches our head!

Our HOPE...

Heed what you already know.

Open your eyes and ears.

Pursue a godly lifestyle.

Expect Christ's return.