



# Step by Step

## 61. 2 Peter



**Author** // Peter

**Original Recipients** // Written to all who trust in Christ in every generation.

**Date of Writing** // Tradition states Peter died under Nero's persecution of the church sometime around 65AD, placing the writing of 2 Peter in 63-64 AD.

**Type of Literature** // Didactic

**Major Themes** // Christian Growth; the Word; False Teaching; Judgement; Last Things

**Occasion for Writing** // As the church grew so did the enemies of the church. While 1 Peter deals with the external threat of persecution, 2 Peter deals with the internal threat of false teachers twisting the scriptures and leading people astray.



**Simple Summary** // As persecution arises in the first century the Apostle Peter realizes that his journey is coming to an end, and he is determined to write down things that will enable the church to continue through the centuries. His letter is filled with practical exhortations toward spiritual growth as well as warnings regarding false teachings and the imminent return of Christ. This letter is designed to stir up the faith and godly living of the child of God.



**Outline** // A simple outline for 2 Peter:

- 1 // *Growing Faith*
- 2 // *Avoiding Error*
- 3 // *Awaiting the End*

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## Key Verses

**1:3** // as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue

**1:4** // by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**1:16** // For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

**2:1** // But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

**2:9** // then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment

**3:9** // The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**3:11** // Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness

## ■ ■ Jesus in 2 Peter



Simon Peter emphasizes the first and second coming of Christ. He refers to the Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus radiated to glory of God as well as declaring that Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. Jesus is seen as the object of the believer's faith and the King of an everlasting kingdom

