



**Calling, God, Judgment
And the End of All Things
Welcome to 2 Peter
2 Peter 1:1-4**

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Simon Peter is the author of 2 Peter. I state that upfront since some commentators over the centuries reject that. I find that I agree with Dr. McGee when he states, “there is a great deal of internal evidence, especially certain autobiographical sections (see 2 Pet. 1:13–14; 1:16–18; and 3:1), which are to me absolutely conclusive that Simon Peter wrote this epistle.” (McGee 1997, 715)



Peter clearly states at the beginning of the letter who he is and provides a quick resume.

2 Peter 1:1

“Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:” (NASB 2020)

This is his second letter, and he refers to it being so in 2 Peter 3:1.

Peter is writing this as he is a prisoner of Rome and is about to die. He is writing this shortly after the first letter around 66 AD and just prior to his martyrdom.

Peter writes this second letter for many of the same reasons Paul wrote 2 Timothy, apostasy in the church is coming.

If we accept “the tradition that Peter was martyred in Rome under Nero, then the work must have been written by A.D. 68 (the death of Nero), and most probably between A.D. 64 (the Great Fire in Rome, which marked the start of Nero’s persecution of Christians) and A.D. 68.” (Davids 2006, 130) So once again, I’m hanging my hat on 66 AD, and from a prison in Rome.

The strong stand that Peter takes against apostasy may indeed be one of the reasons why the enemy has focused on attacking this book in the past. Peter aggressively warns of coming apostasy, what it will look like and gives instructions on how to prepare for confronting it.

In this letter he covers several major themes: “God, judgment, and the end of all things. The opening of the letter also highlights the virtues of Christians who remain faithful to their calling and election.” (Perkins 1995, 163)

The idea of calling, not just as believers but also as to vocation, is more important today since there is popular false teaching beginning to drip into the church that none of us are called to any specific ministry or job. That is garbage. “Among the important and outstanding words of the New Testament are those found in the group associated with the idea of “calling.” Such words are very prominent in the teaching of the Gospels and Epistles, and touch at once on some of the deepest and most practical truths connected with the Christian revelation.” (Thomas 1911, 97)

If we reject the idea that God calls us to what we do in the workplace as well as other aspects of life, then we find ourselves no longer believing that God is truly interested in us and what we do day to day. This is how insidious false teaching can be.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you have not only responded to His calling of you to follow Him, but you have also learned that you have been gifted uniquely with certain gifts that enable and empower you to do the work He has called you to do.

Whether that is as a carpenter, plumber, or teacher, we simply follow.

In the book of Romans, Paul points out to us that the Jews, God’s chosen people, still are. They were called to show the world to God, and they failed in that initial assignment. But He is not done with them, they are still called and there is still a remnant today of those who are following Him.

Romans 11:28–32

“As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. **For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.** For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too



have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all." (ESV)

God placed a calling on the nation of Israel, and it is still there.

There is no place for alleged Christian antisemitism for the believer. You see, God still loves Israel, and Paul clearly tells us "...they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers." (Romans 11:28b, ESV)

Here at Calvary, we love Israel, and we love His people the Jews. We agree with Paul in that we would love to see them come to know their Messiah. Genesis 12:3 is still applicable today.

As a believer, He has also placed a calling on you and me as well. We can frustrate what He wants to do through us, see Israel. But we do have a calling.

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

"For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."" (ESV)

Each person experiences calling in a somewhat different way. The main thing is that **God has called all believers to serve Him with all their lives.**

For some, like Ezekiel, calling has also occurred through an incident in which God has spoken to the person with a commission to be a prophet or leader (Ezek. 2:1–5). For most, however, God's call has been much less dramatic, but no less significant. (Thomas Nelson Publishers 2001, 43)

As each of us are called to become believers and followers of Jesus Christ, there is then the question of "now that I am saved, how do I best serve the Lord?" Or another way to put it, "now that you are saved, what have you done with that?"

We are all called to belong to the Lord (Romans 1:6, Ephesians 4:4) and as we accept that calling realizing and believing the work He did on the cross for us, we then learn we are involved in some other areas of calling as well. You see, step one, we are called to then be like Jesus. Peter will cover that here in 2 Peter 1:3-10.

As we are being sanctified, that is what the word is that simply means being made more like Jesus, we discover we are called to serve Him as well as our brothers and sisters in this new family we find ourselves in (Ephesians 4:1-4, 1 Peter 2:9-10).

As we grow in Christ, we also discover we have been called citizens of a Kingdom that is not of this world, we are citizens of a new heaven and a new earth. Peter covers that in 2 Peter 3:10-11.

Each of us are made different from everyone else on the planet. If you have ever been told that God broke the mold after He created you, that is a correct statement. There is only one you. We are not called to head for the hills and join a monastery. No, we are told to be salt and life and be in the world, but not of it.



John 15:19

“If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” (ESV)

That is a promise I would prefer to forget about.

Each of us have specific likes and dislikes. We each have unique skills and abilities which He can use. As believers, we are also the recipients of at least one spiritual gift, maybe more.

This means that each of us have been created by the Lord and made and gifted for a specific job and ministry. My Grandpa was a plumber. God created him to do that, and he loved serving the Lord in what he was assigned to do. He would share Christ while fixing your commode. I had numerous folks tell me that Ike led them to the Lord while working on their plumbing.

There are those who are gifted in music and serve there, called to communicate God’s word through song.

If you are in medicine, then it is entirely possible you may be gifted with the gifts of healing as well. He is the one who made us, He knows what makes us tick and how we can best serve Him and the church with joy and enthusiasm.

In the church, we all have different gifts and jobs and functions. We are not the church unless we all serve in what we have ben called to do. We are all called to tell others about Jesus, the how gets to “God’s will” for your life. If you hear someone teaching that calling is not vocation, they are very wrong and not teaching what we see in the scriptures.

- Moses was trained to be a politician and leader by Egypt. After cooling his heels for 40 years, he became the liberator and leader of the Israelites (Ex. 3:1–12; 5:1).
- Nehemiah was a governmental official who negotiated with the king to lead a group of Jews back to Jerusalem to rebuild the city, particularly its walls (Neh. 1:1–2:10).
- Esther was a Jewish girl who became Queen and intervened to save the lives of her people, the Jews, from a genocidal plot (Esth. 4:1–6:10).
- Daniel was taken as a political hostage then trained to forget his Jewishness. However, he became an advisor to kings, and a prophet (Dan. 1:19; 7:1)
- Jonah, after initially running from the Lord, went to Nineveh and warned of God’s judgment, resulting in citywide repentance (Jon. 1:1–3; 3:1–10).
- Barnabas served as a friend and mentor to young believers, including Saul (Acts 9:26–27; 11:25–26) and John Mark (15:36–39). (Thomas Nelson Publishers 2001, 43-44)

Where we start when we come to Christ versus where we end up, is all up to Him and our faithfulness. Calling is commonly used to talk about vocational Christian service, I think that is incorrect. We are all subject to a calling from the Lord, no matter what it is He has called us to do vocationally, we are all called to be His servants, witnesses and be salt and light.

Peter will indeed talk about calling. When we come to Christ, we all receive a new boss, Jesus Christ, and it is Him who we follow no matter what it is He has called us to do. Paul gave Titus instructions on this.



Titus 2:9–14

“Slaves are to submit to their masters and please them in all things. They must not answer them back or steal from them. **Instead, they must show that they are always good and faithful, so as to bring credit to the teaching about God our Saviour in all they do. For God has revealed his grace for the salvation of the whole human race.** That grace instructs us to give up ungodly living and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this world, as we wait for the blessed Day we hope for, when the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ will appear. He gave himself for us, to rescue us from all wickedness and to make us a pure people who belong to him alone and are eager to do good.” (GNB)

Before we are done with this book, we will talk about prophecy, the fallen watchers, false prophets, false teachers, the Day of the Lord, the coming eternal state, our need to be faithful and the simple fact that what we believe is based on historical reality, to which Peter was an eyewitness. And all of that is just the beginning.

This letter is only 3 chapters but packed just like his first letter.

Outline

- 1:1-14 Introduction and the need to grow in Christ.
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- 2:1-22 The coming apostasy brought by too many false teachers.
- 3:1-4 A sign of the times we live in...mockers.
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- 3:10-13 The reality of the coming Day of the Lord.
- 3:14-18 Charges to believers and encouragement.

2 Peter 1:1–4

“Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. Through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world on account of lust.” (NASB 2020)

Wow, that is packed with heavy truth all through it.

Just as with his first letter, Peter is aware of the now growing problem of itinerant false teachers rolling through the Roman Empire and their tendency to write authoritative looking letters which have no authority at all. So, at the very outset, he wants those who he wrote to in the first letter, to know who it is who is writing to them again.

Peter is in prison and his time left to teach and correct believers is growing short. He knows that.

Today, we have those false teachers who have slick rehearsed presentations as well as budgets and staff to provide for them to have a slick online presentation that is appealing to the flesh. In other words, they are heavy users of so-called Christian marketing tools.

For over two thousand years, the church did not need to have slick marketing to communicate the message of salvation. Paul did not have an advance team going to the next village to “prep” them for the



arrival of Paul the miracle worker. He and the team just showed up and then shook things up by wholly relying on prayer and the Holy Spirit.

I hate to tell you this, but the slick You Tube marketed false teachers using just the right algorithmic approaches to suck you into viewing their lies are growing in views and utilization. They will tell you that there are Five ways, or Ten, or Eight, it depends on who is doing the teaching, to activate the Holy Spirit in your life. They will warn you that God will not bless you unless and until you do whatever it is they are teaching to include making a generous gift to their so-called ministry. They even use camera tactics and production standards to suck you further into their lies and create in you the sense of missing out unless you go to see them and their miracle working meeting when it is in town.

Luke 11:13

“Bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will **the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**” (GNB)

So much for X number of steps to activating the Holy Spirit. But they are all acting like Simon the Sorcerer and encouraging you to do so as well.

Acts 8:18–19

“When Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also so that anyone I lay hands on may receive the Holy Spirit.” (CSB)

Our culture today is so used to being told to do this or that to get this or that, that we are seriously buying this garbage today. No one wants to be holy, so there must be another way to be Spirit filled and Spirit empowered...right?

No, there isn't. We are commanded, multiple times, to be holy.

John 14:16–17

“And **I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth.** The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.” (CSB)

John 14:26

“But the Counselor, **the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.**” (CSB)

1 Corinthians 14:20

“Brothers and sisters, **don't be childish in your thinking**, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking.” (CSB)

In other words, realize who we already are in Jesus Christ and stop chasing after a liver quiver already. Yes, we do indeed believe that all the gifts of the Spirit are for today, but the scriptures are very clear that if we are not seeing Him in our lives today, we are the problem. **Not Him.** “And **don't grieve God's Holy Spirit.** You were sealed by him for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30, CSB)

Required actions are simple. Confess, repent and return.



1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (CSB)

Ephesians 1:3

"Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ.**" (CSB)

Blessing is already promised to us as a present possession. But I want the physical blessings He promises, Yes, He does indeed promise those, how faithful and obedient are we? He is Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides, after all. Let Him do so **His way**.

Charles Spurgeon taught on this over a century ago and it is still pertinent today.

"But did you notice that little word "all"? I must bring that out clearly. I must turn the microscope on it. "Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings." Surely, Paul means that we have not a spiritual blessing which God did not give. We have never earned one; we could never create one. All spiritual blessings come from the Father; he has really given us all spiritual blessings. "I have not received them," says one. That is your own fault. He hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ. A new heart, a tender conscience, a submissive will, faith, hope, love, patience, we have all these in Christ. Regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification, perfection are all in Christ. If we do not take them out, it is the fault of our palsied hand, that has not strength enough to grasp them; but he has given us all spiritual blessings in Christ. Whenever you read your Bible, and see a great promise, do not hesitate to claim it. He hath given us all spiritual blessings in Christ." (Spurgeon 1892, 354)

We will indeed come back to this as Peter will touch on it. But don't let false teachers rip you off. Check them out.

Acts 17:11

"These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so." (NRSVue)

This is Paul telling you and I to listen to what someone has to say if they are teaching, then check and see if the Word really does say that.

Be aware of the use of eisegesis, the tactic of taking scripture out of context. This is a popular tactic being used by false teachers as "proof text" for what they teach. Yes, they use God's Word, by twisting it to mean what it does not mean.

I guess the question we should be asking ourselves in the 21st Century is this, do we still see the same issues that Peter saw as a need for him to write this letter? The answer is a firm, yes.

Simon Peter therefor fully identifies himself to validate the authority that he does indeed carry because of his apostolic office given to him by the Lord. He did the same in the first letter but did not use it as a club. He will make use of this authority later as well in this letter.

But the use of the office does indeed mark this letter for those who are the recipients as, read this, it is important.

The use of this title marks out this letter as something of an official letter rather than, for example, a friendly letter. At the same time "servant" (better, "slave") is not an expression of personal humility or an



indication of “servant leadership,” but rather an expression for a person totally “owned by” and devoted to Jesus Christ, whose status is not his own but one derived from his master. (Davids 2006, 161)

Peter is a first-generation follower of Jesus Christ. He was with Jesus and an eyewitness to virtually all the events that new second generation believers were learning about. Peter is affirming his authority, yet immediately turns around and says that he does not have super faith greater than what those he is writing to, have.

Second generation believers, and whatever generation believers we are today, all have access to the same faith. I know that as I study the scriptures, I tend to take Peter and others we see in the scriptures and put them on a pedestal. We really shouldn't. Respect them, yes, but all of them would have pointed us to Jesus.

That is the problem with honorific titles. It places a level of respect or honor on someone who may not have earned what it stands for. Peter was an apostle. Those he is writing to are not. And he is aware of the tendency this would have to place him into a superior place over the flock. He shows his heart with what he says next.

2 Peter 1:1b

“...To those **who have received a faith of the same kind as ours**, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:” (NASB 2020)

We all come to Christ the same way and we all exercise our faith in Him the same as well.

For all of us, just as Peter points out here, faith is a gift from God. We receive it as a gift of God's grace to us. “It has been “received” (lathousin, aorist) or more literally, “obtained by (sacred) lot.” Pistis (faith) here probably does not mean a body of doctrines, but the basic trust in God through Christ for salvation.” Step one for all who come to Christ in faith. (Witherington III 2007, 295)

Ephesians 2:8–10

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” (NLT)

This has not changed in thousands of years. Our faith today is not inferior to the faith of those first-generation believers who walked with Jesus. It is the same.

Peter steps out to tell us clearly who it is that gives us faith.

Peter tells us it is “...by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:1c, NASB 2020)

The writer of Hebrews made this fact even clearer as part of his summation of those who acted in faith throughout the Old Testament and were included in the hall of fame by him.

Hebrews 12:1–2

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to **Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (ESV)



Jesus is God incarnate, who assumed human flesh, gave himself as the atoning sacrifice and died as the substitute for our sins, and brought about our salvation and deliverance so that we could be the people of God. (Osborne 2011, 287)

For Peter, this is all important and helps to set the frame he will be speaking from.

2 Peter 1:2–3

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.” (NASB 2020)

Peter continues by praying for and at the same time blessing those he is writing to. When he says grace, the Greek word is *charis* which summarizes for us what it is that Jesus Christ did for us on the cross. God provided His riches at Christ’s expense through the cross.

This helps us to remember what He did for us on the cross.

**God’s
Riches
At
Christ’s
Expense**

His grace, His excessive favor, has been given to all of us. We were the dregs of society, sinners with no status at all in the eternal realm but now because of Jesus, we have His grace, and we enjoy the peace of God and peace with God. We are part of His family now. “God’s grace abounds to people freely without regard to status and is even given to those who are guilty (Rom. 5:20–21) and God’s enemies (Rom. 5:10).” (Green 2008, 176)

Peter also uses the word peace here as well. In Hebrew, that would be the word, *shalom*. In the Greek it is *Eirene*.

“It can mean both “hello” and “good-bye” as well as “peace.” The word has complex meanings; it comes from the Hebrew root word meaning “complete.” Thus, when the word refers to “peace,” it represents an ideal state of complete peace. When negotiating the peace treaty with Egypt, the State of Israel insisted on using the word “shalom” and its Arab equivalent, “salaam,” to connote a full and lasting peace, rather than just an armistice.” (Eisenberg and Scolnic 2001, 147)

Looking at grace and peace all on its own is exciting, but Peter then says, lets multiply that a few times now in your life. Peter praying for asking for us to experience the grace of God and the peace of God, multiplied. He doesn’t stop there; he continues to tell us exactly how that will happen.

He does not promise us visions, spiritual gifts beyond our wildest dreams, or anything that might be fungible. I mean, we are told at some point in time, the gifts will cease (1 Corinthians 13:8-10). Once Jesus takes us to be with Him in the pretribulational rapture of the church, spiritual gifts will no longer be needed.

We are given a precious promise of having multiplied to us, the knowledge of God and Jesus. How cool is that? How does this happen? Peter will get to the answer in this letter.

When he gets through with this epistle, you will know that the knowledge of Jesus Christ comes through a knowledge of the Word of God, the sure Word of God. (McGee 1997, 719)



Peter tells us the knowledge of God will be multiplied. What is the character of that knowledge? The word used by Peter here in the Greek is ἐπιγνώσεως (epigenōsis).

It is more intensive than gnōsis, knowledge, because it expresses a more thorough participation in the acquiring of knowledge on the part of the learner. In the NT, it often refers to knowledge which very powerfully influences the form of religious life, a knowledge laying claim to personal involvement. (Zodhiates 2000)

Epi is the word we get our word epic from. It means “great, super.” And gnosis means, “knowledge.” Epignosis means, “super-knowledge.” That’s the word that’s used here. He’s not just talking about knowledge, like I say, “I know this is a rug,” or “I know that that is a piano,” or “I know that I’m here this morning.” He’s talking about knowledge that means personal relationship. (Rogers 2017, 2 Pe 1:1-3:18)

Peter tells us that as grace and peace are multiplied to us, it does so in super knowledge, obtained not from book learning but experientially because we know the God of the universe and we know Jesus Christ and we know the Holy Spirit. It implies relationship which means we know all there is to know. Our faith is seriously rooted in the fact that you and I know Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. How do we stand against deception and those who want to take us captive into apostasy, simple, know God.

How will those make it through the Tribulation and the lies of the beast, same way.

Daniel 11:32

“He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but **the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.**” (ESV)

For those of us doing life in the 21st century, the promise we see here is one that as we realize it, means we are indeed pardoned of our crimes, our sin and have been forgiven. Not only do we have a pardon, but we have peace, shalom as well. It is grace and peace. The order is intentional. We cannot achieve peace with God without first experiencing His grace. And it is not possible to have the peace of God or peace with God until we have had our sins forgiven. It must be grace and then peace.

The super knowledge of Jesus that is promised feeds into this. We know we are pardoned because of our knowledge of Jesus; we know Him, and we know what it is He did for us on the cross.

2 Peter 1:2–3

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.**” (NASB 2020)

Considering verse 3, let’s reassess what it is we are promised and do possess, as a present possession right now in Christ.

We have experiential knowledge, super knowledge of Jesus Christ. We know we are pardoned because of this knowledge. We know we have peace because of this knowledge. And now here in verse 3, we know we have power. We have His divine dunamis and He has, through this divine power, granted to us everything pertaining to. One more time, because of Jesus, because of the super knowledge we have been given, we have His divine supernatural power granted, presented, officially bestowed to us.

The central term in 1:3–4 (the main verb in both verses) is dōreomai (to bestow, grant, present a gift) and means that all the benefits of the kingdom are given to God’s people as a free gift by his grace. The source of these gifts is “his divine power.” (Osborne 2011, 288)



And this granting, this giving of supernatural power is to us for the provision of everything pertaining to life and godliness.

Here is what this means practically for us. Could we use more peace? More love? More strength? More patience? More courage? More wisdom?

Yes, to all. But what we have just been told here by Peter is that as believers, we already have it.

2 Peter 1:3

“for **His divine power has granted to us everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.” (NASB 2020)

Everything we need to live the Christian life; we already have it right now. This is one more reason why I get so frustrated with the false teachers running around today saying you need to do this or activate that to get more of God. I am going to use a theological term here, bunk.

You and I already have it. As a present possession. As a precious promise.

The good news for us, we have everything we need to live a Godly life. The bad news, we don't realize that we have everything we already need to live a Godly life.

And here comes the headline to all of this, Christ Himself is the one who called us, each of us, individually, to this life of Godliness that He has so sufficiently made provision for us to be able to live before Him.

Part of what brought us to Christ was His perfection, His moral excellence. He succeeded where none of us did. He attracts those enslaved to sin by showing a life lived free from sin.

Have we arrived? Hardly. Sanctification is still an ongoing process because we still are dealing with the sin nature. It is participatory.

It is only through the knowledge of Christ that you can really learn to live down here and grow to be a more godly person. The only way in the world that you can become the kind of person with a fully developed personality is through knowing Jesus Christ. The knowledge of Him that “hath called us to glory” means to be like Christ. (McGee 1997, 720)

He gives us what we need to live as His people, not all we would like to have, but what we need.

Experientially, we learn here that there is no need, material, spiritual, or socially, that God cannot supply. He is indeed the one who provides.

Let's take one more look at our text.

2 Peter 1:1–4

“Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. Through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world on account of lust.” (NASB 2020)



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