

**Series "Fixed On 66"**  
**"2 Peter"**  
**Book-61**

**Key Passage – 2 Peter 2:1; 3:1-2**

**1 Peter - Deals With The Problems From The Outside**

**2 Peter - Deals With The Problems From Inside**

**Nothing is more offensive to God than the distortion of His Word –  
Revelation 22:18-19**

**The strongest criticism in Scripture is reserved for those who distort the truth! Galatians 1:9 "Let him be accursed!"**

**The Book of 2 Peter** is called - **A General Epistle** along with **James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2** and **3 John** and **Jude**, which were not limited to a single locality.

**Philippians, Corinthians, and Ephesians** are written to a group in a certain locality.

**Key Thought - True knowledge is evidenced by growth in godliness.**

**The Author – 2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter,**

Peter's name appears only once in this letter, and 1st person pronouns are used 12 times.

In this letter Peter identifies himself as:

1. A servant and an apostle of Christ (1:1).
2. Faithful not to neglect teaching the important truths of Christ (1:12-13).
3. An eyewitness to the transfiguration (1:16-18).
4. Expecting his martyrdom to soon take place (1:14).

**When Written** – Written around 66 AD

**Where It Was Written** – Place – Unknown Possibly Rome

**Written To – 2 Peter 3:1**

**This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you**

Mention of this being the "second epistle" he had written to the readers indicates that it was intended for the same congregations as **1 Peter 1:1**

**Background: 2 Peter**, along with **1, 2, 3 John**, and **Jude**, were all written to address the very real danger of false doctrine and false teachers in the Church.

1. The NT had not yet been completed, nor widely disseminated.
2. The Christian faith was new, and the religious background of its converts was varied.

3. Profit-seeking religious teachers looked for easy opportunities to make a quick buck and found it in the infant Church.
4. The Jews, jealous for their ancient faith, looked upon Christianity as a threat and sought to return the Jewish Believers to their OT form of worship.

**Purpose –**

1. To stir the saints to godliness.
2. To warn of false teachers and scoffers.
3. To contrast true and false knowledge.
4. To describe the judgment of the coming Day of the Lord.

**Theme: "Knowing And Growing In Christ" *"Faithful Living in Difficult Times"***

**Key Words – God – 23 times, Knowledge" and "Know" 23 times, Day – 11 times, Righteousness – 6 times**

**Key Chapter – 2 Peter 1** The defining relationship between God and man is that we become like Him. The inspiration of Scripture. **2 Peter 1:19-21**

**Key Passage – 2 Peter 2:1; 2 Peter 3:1-2**

**Outline –**

1. **2 Peter 1 - Faith's Convictions: (Keep Following Jesus)**
2. **2 Peter 2 – Faith's Contentions: (Keep Resisting False Teachers)**
3. **2 Peter 3 – Faith's Consummation: (Keep Trusting Jesus)**

**1. 2 Peter 1 - Faith's Convictions: (Keep Following Jesus)**

**2 Peter 1:1-4 The Gift of Knowledge:**

**2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter** - Best known of the twelve Apostles, is mentioned by name **227 times** in the Bible

**a bond-servant**

He starts with the fact that he was a slave who was freely serving Jesus Christ through love.

All Biblical saints are pictured this way, Moses! **Psalm 105:26**

David! **Psalm 119:125**

Paul! **Romans 1:1**

**and apostle of Jesus Christ,**

*"one sent forth"*

Peter was a slave on a mission, sent with a commissioned, carrying God's message!

**of the same kind equal** in honor, equally valuable and privilege" used of foreigners who had been granted citizenship and were equal as natives. **as ours**, Peter, James, John, and the other apostles. Peter is wanting the readers to know that there is but one true salvation, a relationship with God. **Galatians 3:28**

### **Jude 3**

**by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:**

Salvation comes from Jesus. It is not by works but by His work of the cross and man putting his faith in Jesus.

**2 Peter 1:2** Peter's prayer is identical to his prayer in **1 Peter 1:2**

**knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;**

This is what Peter is wanting these believers to be in the know as to Jesus Christ.

**Knowledge** – "a full knowledge that comes through a relationship with God, it is understanding the grace of God and His ways by a relationship"

**2 Peter 1:3-4** (7,487 promises, some apply to us, and some don't)

**2 Peter 1:5-11 The Growth of Knowledge:**

**2 Peter 1:5 Now**

Peter now changes direction from what God has done to what the believer must do!

**for this very reason also, applying all diligence,**

God has given to us the power and promises for growth.

The word **diligence** – "to make haste, to be eager" **in your faith**

**Peter List Seven Qualities To A Useful Purpose:**

These qualities are an indictment against the false teachers in **2 Peter 2-3**

**2 Peter 1:5-7**

**#1. moral excellence (Virtue)** – The Greek root word is "courage" speaks of *bravery and valor.*

**#2. knowledge** - "a knowledge acquired through learning, effort, and experience, practical knowledge"

**#3. self-control** – literally "the ability to take a grip of oneself"  
*Nothing mastering us but the master Himself.*

**#4. perseverance – (Result of self-control)** *"the voluntary and daily suffering of hard and difficult things, for the sake of honor and usefulness"*

**#5. Godliness (Vertical)** - *"reverence for God, which is a right attitude towards God (worship, and obedience) right attitude toward others"*

**#6. Brotherly kindness (Horizontal)** - *"fervent, practical, caring for others."*  
*It is the bearing of another's burdens. Generosity, courtesy for those of the household of faith.*

**#7. love** - *"godly love, seeking the highest good for the other person"*  
The word agape the highest love possible, God demonstrated toward sinners. It is a deliberate choice that is an action. It is more motion than it is emotion.

**2 Peter 1:8-9 short-sighted** - goes to church, can't see the world going to hell, can't see that the message is for him.

**2 Peter 1:10 our behavior: proves that we belong to God.**

**2 Peter 1:11 entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord** - Olympic winners -

**2 Peter 1:12-21 The Ground of Knowledge:**

**2 Peter 1:12-13 Therefore what?**

As a child of God, we are to take the knowledge of God and apply it to our lives.

**2 Peter 1:14-15 after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.**

**2 Peter 1:16-19** Peter was with Jesus Christ for three and a half years. He literally touched Jesus

**2 Peter 1:20**

**1.** Interpreting Scripture is available to all that will rightly divide the Word of truth.

**2 Peter 1:21**

**2.** The writers of the Scriptures did not initiate the Scriptures themselves.

**3.** The Holy Spirit moved holy men in the transmission of Scripture.

**2. 2 Peter 2 – Faith's Contentions: (Keep Resisting False Teachers)**

**2 Peter 2:1-3 False Teachers Conduct:**

It seems in the OT that Satan used false prophets, but now it is false teachers.

**who will secretly introduce destructive heresies,**

Originally meant "to make a choice," but then it came to mean "a sect, a party"  
Promoting a party spirit in a church

**even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.** The cults deny that Jesus was fully God and fully Man. They deny the virgin birth, death, burial, and resurrection.

**False Teachers who claim special visions, and revelations from God:**

**Wind of Doctrine – Ephesians 4:14 Word-Faith, Prosperity Teaching, Health & Wealth:**

**2 Peter 2:2 Many will follow their sensuality** – "devoted to or preoccupied with the senses or appetites, deficient in moral, and spiritual interests"

**2 Peter 2:3 you with false words;**

Greek word "plasto" we get our English "Plastic"

They bend words and terms to make the Bible say things that it was never meant to say.

**their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.** Judgment is coming.

**2 Peter 2:4-9 False Teachers Condemnation:**

**2 Peter 2:4-5** Great Flood.

**2 Peter 2:6-9 Genesis 19**

**2 Peter 2:10-17 False Teachers Characteristics: 2 Peter 2:10-11**

The flaunting of sin

**2 Peter 2:12-17**

**2 Peter 2:18-22 False Teachers Claims: 2 Peter 2:18-19**

**Sin is bondage.**

Those who are enslaved to sin say that they are living in freedom.

**2 Peter 2:20-22** This describes those that were never converted.

### **3. 2 Peter 3 – Faith's Consummation: (Keep Trusting Jesus)**

**2 Peter 3:1-7 Be Mindful: 2 Peter 3:1-2**

We are to ever be reminded of the Scriptures OT, and NT.

We are to be in the Word.

**2 Peter 3:3-4 So because it has not happened it will not happen!**

**2 Peter 3:5-7** Things have not always been the same.  
There have been many radical changes, such as the Great Flood.

**2 Peter 3:8-10 Do Not Be Ignorant:**

**2 Peter 3:8** God does not measure time as we measure time.

**2 Peter 3:9** Delay is that God is bringing the lost to salvation.

**2 Peter 3:10** After the Millennium, there will be new heavens and new earth.

**2 Peter 3:11-14 Be Diligent: 2 Peter 3:11-13**

**2 Peter 3:15-18 Beware: 2 Peter 3:14-16**

Peter Cites The Apostle Paul's Wisdom As Coming From God.  
And Letters As Being Divine Scripture:

**2 Peter 3:17-18**

**Doxology:** *"Short hymn of praise to God"* **To Him be the glory,**  
Peter is declaring the deity of Jesus being equal to God,  
**To Him God be the glory,** *"to worship, to praise, to honor"*  
Only God receives the glory!

**Amen.** *"so be it, let it be so, to agree"*

Peter Began His Letter With The Declaration Of The Deity Of Jesus Christ –  
**2 Peter 1:1;** Peter Ends With Declaring The Same – **2 Peter 3:18**

### **Application:**

1. There Is No Such Thing As Brand-New Spiritual Truth.  
Only A Clearer Understanding Of The Timeless Truths In God's Word.
2. A Pastor's Responsibility Is To Remind The Congregation Of What God Has Said.  
It Becomes The Responsibility Of The Congregation To Then Do What God Has Said.
3. Believers Are Prone To Forget What We Ought To Remember, And We Remember What We Ought To Forget.