

The Letters of Peter: 2 Peter 1

Sunday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 9

Verses 1 – 4

- According to 2 Peter 1: 1 and 2 Peter 3: 1, who was the audience for this letter?
- Comparing Peter's messages in 1st Peter and 2nd Peter, what differences and similarities exist between the two letters?
- In Verses 2 – 3, what does Peter identify as the source of the grace and peace that he references? What does it mean that God has given us "all things that pertain to life and godliness"? (*Proverbs 18: 15; Hosea 4: 6 – 7*)
- As referenced in Verse 4, what promises has God made to us, and what is the intended effect of those promises? (*John 3: 16 – 17; 1 John 1: 9*)

Verses 5 – 11

- What prior point is Peter referencing as he begins Verse 5 with the phrase "for this very reason"?
- Consider the attributes listed in Verses 5 – 7. In a general sense, how does one characteristic relate to the next, and why is it important that this progression begins with faith and culminates with the attribute of love? (*John 13: 34 – 35; 1 Corinthians 13: 13; 1 John 4: 8*)
- According to Verses 8 – 9, how can these characteristics contribute to our faith and service to the Lord, and what is the impact to those who lack these attributes?
- Summarize Peter's instructions included in Verse 10 regarding our commitment to serving the Lord. According to Verse 11, what is the result for those who serve faithfully and obediently? (*John 10: 9; Matthew 7: 7 – 8*)

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Verses 12 – 15

- In Verses 13 – 14, what is the “tent” that Peter refers to?
- What conversation with Christ does Peter refer to in Verse 14? What effect did that conversation have on Peter regarding his willingness to serve the Lord? (*John 21: 18 – 19*)
- In Verses 12 – 15, summarize the pledge that Peter makes as he looks ahead to his death. What can we learn and apply from Peter’s example?

Verses 16 – 21

- In Verse 16, what fact does Peter establish regarding the validity of the information that he is presenting?
- What event does Peter reference in Verses 17 – 18, and how does this reference support the point that he made previously in Verse 16? (*Matthew 17: 1 – 8; Mark 9: 1 – 8; Luke 9: 28 – 36*)
- Describe Peter’s instructions recorded in Verse 19. What is the significance of his reference to Christians as shining lights / lamps? (*Psalms 119: 105; John 8: 12; Matthew 5: 14 – 16*)
- Summarize the point that Peter makes in Verses 20 – 21. How can we use this passage as a basis to teach others about the importance of following scripture? (*Deuteronomy 4: 2; 2 Timothy 3: 16 – 17; Revelation 22: 18 – 19*)