



"Fanning the Flame of Truth: Introduction to 2 Peter" (Part 3)

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2 Peter 1:1b-2



1 Simon Peter, a slave and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

– 2 Peter 1:1-2, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

The Passage is Also Found on Page 183 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

I. Fanning the Flame of Truth: Introduction to 2 Peter

A. The Author (who wrote 2 Peter?)

B. The Audience (to whom was the letter written?)

C. The Atmosphere (what were circumstances of the letter?)

According to verse 1, Peter writes ". . . to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

1. The gift of salvation

- a. The word "faith" refers not so much to the subjective element of believing but to the objective faith: the body of Christian truth (cf. Jude 3)

(1) "Same kind" = "equal in value" (the word *isotimos*)

2. Comparing Philippians 3

D. The Abstract (Issues of Content)

E. The Address (Opening Greeting) - Verse 2

1. The multiplication of sanctifying grace
 - a. Grace (Familiar Greek noun Χαρις)
 - b. This is present or sanctifying grace that comes from the righteousness of Christ
 - c. How is this grace and peace multiplied?
2. The foundation of sanctifying grace: Knowledge (*epignōsis*)
 - a. Familial knowledge of God Through Christ
 - (1) Peace
 - b. Note the connection to vv. 3-11 (Cf. the flow of Romans 5:1ff.)
3. Peter ends this letter much the same way as he began (Cf. 3:17-18)

"For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim.
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow.
[Hymn, "Jesus Paid It All"]