



## "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.

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

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## **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"]