

Remembering Truth When it Really Counts

*“... a primer to
guard against false
teaching by...”*

Understanding Our Faith (1:2b – 11)

Back to the Basics: Our Quest,
Journey & Results



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The Purpose & Objective of 2 Peter

- 2 Peter 3:1-2

“This second letter, beloved, I now write to you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder that you remember the words spoken...”

Learning Objective:

- *To remember the words spoken beforehand to be able to guard our church against false teaching*
- *As we understand our faith, our scriptures, and our promise we will be able to discern our adversaries*



2 Peter

Remembering Truth when it really Counts

- Introduction & Salutation (1:1 – 2a)
Author, Background, Destination & Recipients, Date & Place of Writing, Context & Themes, & Outline

Guard Against False Teaching By...

- Understanding Our Faith (1:2b – 11)
Back to the Basics: Our Quest, Journey & Results
- Understanding Our Scriptures (1:12–21)
Our Reminder, Our Eyewitnesses & Inspiration
- Understanding Our Adversaries (2:1–22)
Their Infiltration, Iniquity, Impurity & Impact
- Understanding Our Promise (3:1–18)
Its Certainty & Power

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2 Peter 3:1-2

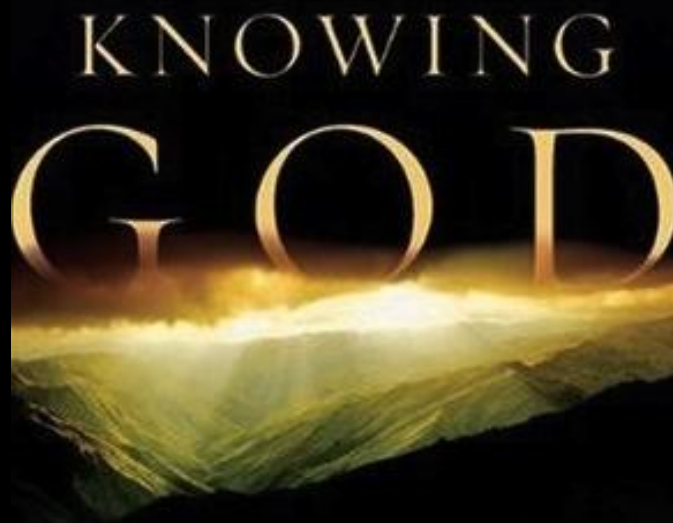
Understanding Our Faith (1:2b – 11)

Back to the Basics

- **Our Quest (Part 1)**
 - *To Know Our God (1:2b – 4)*
- **Our Journey (Part 2)**
 - *To Become More Like Him (1:5 – 7)*
- **Our Results (Part 3)**
 - *To Achieve Success (1:8 – 11)*



Back to Basics: *Our Quest*



Learning Objectives:

*To become passionately consumed with knowing
God which will provide us with all we need...*

Back to Basics

Our Quest: To Know Our God (1:2b – 4)

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

Our Passion (2c)

³ seeing that 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.

God's Sufficiency
(3-4a)

⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

God's Purpose (4b)

Our Part (4c)

BACK TO BASICS

Our Passion (2c)



“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord”

- This “*grace*” and “*peace*” only come in or through “*the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord*”
- “*Knowledge*” – conveys the idea of a full, rich, thorough knowledge that involves a degree of personal or intimate understanding of a specific subject (**Jeremiah 9:23-24; 29:13; Matthew 22:37; Isaiah 57:15; Genesis 5:21-24**)
- The highest calling for mankind is to know God... in order to do so, we must...
 - Learn how to understand, fear, please and worship God
 - In order to do that, we must acquire, cultivate and nurture a high view of God which only comes from the Scriptures (**Isaiah 66:1-2**)

Our Passion (2c)

- Why should we desire to know our God?
 - To expose the truth about us (Isaiah 6:5)
 - To view the world properly (Daniel 4:34-37)
 - To trust Him and be stronger in conflicts/trials (Psa. 9:10; Dan. 11:32-33)
 - To gain understanding, discernment and wisdom (Proverbs 2:6; 9:10)
 - To know the way, truth and experience abundant life (John 14:6; 10:10)
 - To bear much fruit (John 15:4, 8)
 - To prove we are His disciples (John 15:8)
 - To experience intimacy with the Almighty (John 15:10)
 - To be fulfilled and make our joy complete (John 15:11)
 - To usher ourselves into spiritual dimensions (John 17:3; Romans 8:36-37)
 - To motivate us to become like Him (1 Peter 1:14-16)
 - To praise, worship and give Him glory (Revelation 1:5-6; 4:8-10; 5:9-10, 12-14; 7:10; 11:15-17; 15:3-4; 19:1-6)

SO WE WOULD
KNOW OUR GOD

KNOWING
PSALM 9:10: THOSE WHO KNOW YOUR
NAME, PUT THEIR TRUST IN YOU

Majestic
Beautiful
Sufficient
Faithful
GOD
Worthy
Sovereign
Glorious
Desirable

Our Passion (2c)

- What are you obsessed with? What is the passion of your life? How would one know or conclude that?
(Revelation 2:4; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3)
- Solomon said that wisdom begins with the knowledge, fear and understanding of the Holy One and that nothing can compete with that intrinsic value
(Proverbs 1:7; 2:5-6; 3:13-15; 9:10)
- We are exhorted by Paul and Peter to “know Him”
(Colossians 2:2-3; 3:9-10; 2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 3:10-14)



God's Sufficiency (3a – 4a)

“... seeing that His divine power has granted to us...”

- His Power (3a)

- Any spiritual sufficiency believers have is not because of any power we possess in ourselves; it is derived from *“His divine power”* only

(Matthew 19:26; 2 Corinthians 3:4-5; Ephesians 1:19)

- This *“divine power”* in us is the same power which resurrected Jesus Christ (Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 13:4)
- This *“divine power”* enables us to accomplish spiritual things we cannot even imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21)
- *“Has granted to us”* – the tense here is a perfect, passive participle meaning in the past with continuing results forever



God's Sufficiency (3a – 4a)

“... everything pertaining to life and godliness...”

- His Provision (3b)



- “*Everything*” – describes all things
(2 Corinthians 9:8; Philippians 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:17)
- “*Life*” – describes both quantity (our days from salvation to glorification) (John 3:16-17) along with the quality of our life (lived to the fullest or abundant life) (John 10:10)
- “*Godliness*” – encompasses both true reverence in worship and active obedience (Romans 8:29-30; Philippians 1:6)
- This Spirit-enabling, resurrection power gives us every spiritual resource to live God-honoring and Christ-exalting lives for the glory and pleasure of the King of Kings!

God's Sufficiency (3a – 4a)

“... through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

BEHOLD HIS GLORY

- His Procurement (3c)

- Do you wonder why you aren't experiencing spiritual victory in your life? Why does defeat seems to mark your path?
- Because we can and will only experience this divine power and provision *“through the true knowledge of Him (Jesus)”*
- It is by becoming consumed with the glory of the Lord and through the process of beholding Him “face to face” that we are being transformed into His likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- *“His own glory and excellence”* – refers to Christ's own deity and His perfect humanity respectively; the God/man

God's Sufficiency (3a – 4a)

“For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises...”

*The Promises
of God*

- His Promises (4a)
 - “*For by these*” – the attributes of God's character (glory and excellence)
 - “*To us*” – these promises were given to us as children of God
 - “*Precious and magnificent*” – speaks of their valuable and greatness respectively (Numbers 23:19; Romans 4:20-21)
 - “*Promises*” – these are all the divinely authored obligations in both the Old and New Testaments
 - What are some of your most cherished promises?
 - Provide the list of promises our CG developed...

God's Purpose (4b)

“... in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature...”

- *“In order that by them”* – The implication here is that through inheriting and acting on these *“precious and magnificent promises”* we will increasingly...
 - *“Become partakers”* – can be translated “fellowship”, “sharer” or in “partnership with”
 - *“Of the divine nature”* – We are partners in the very life that belongs to God
- (Colossians 3:3; Ephesians 3:19)



Our Part (4c)

“... having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust”

- *“The corruption that is in the world”* – “Corruption” here denotes an organism that is decomposing or rotting and the accompanying putrid stench it puts off
- *“By lust”* – The world’s moral decomposition is driven by sinful lusts or evil desires (1 John 2:16; Ephesians 2:3; 4:22)
- *“Having escaped”* – The inference here is that ONLY by our intentional decisions to say NO to sin (our natural craving or thirsting) will we *“become partakers of the divine nature”*
 - As we successfully choose the “way of escape” we realize God’s purpose for us
 - This actually appears to be the pre-requisite to becoming more like Christ!!!



In Summary...

As we passionately pursue knowing God
through His precious and magnificent promises and...



lean fully into the power of His resurrection...

we have everything we need to please God!

As we decide to run from the lusts of the world
that corrupt and deceive our souls...

We will become more like Christ!



