

2 Peter

“Everything We Need” – 2 Peter 1:1 – 9



Sermon Discussion Guide

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STUDY NOTES

2 Peter. This letter is the second shortest Epistle (Letter) in the New Testament and has only 61 verses.

Simon Peter (1:1). This letter was written by the Apostle Peter in AD 65/66 shortly before he was put to death.

Faith (1:5 – 9). Faith must be more than belief in certain facts; it must result in action, growth in Christian character, and the practice of moral discipline, or it will die away (James2:14-17).

Add to your faith (1:5). Peter lists several of faith's actions. These actions do not come automatically, they require hard work. They are not optional, and all of them must be a continual part of the Christian life. Yet, God did not leave us to accomplish these on our own, He has given us "divine power" (v.3).

1. If you could be better at one thing, what would you want to improve?

Read 2 Peter 1:1 – 9.

Peter encourages the readers to hold fast to the non-negotiable facts of the Gospel despite the false teachers infiltrating their midst. He encourages the readers to grow and mature in their faith and to reject all who would distort the truth.

2. To whom was this letter written? Based on your answer, do you think Peter may have also been writing to you? Why?
3. When Peter refers to God's "great and precious promises," what do you think he is referring to? What are those promises intended to do (v.4)?
4. What did Peter urge his readers to add to their faith (v.5)?
5. If you were to define the Christian life using the seven characteristics in verses 5 – 7, how would you say it? Which of the qualities listed by Peter do you consider to be the most important to add to your faith? Why?
6. How can the qualities Peter mentioned keep us from being ineffective and unproductive?

