

**SECOND**

**PETER**

**GROWING IN GRACE**

# **This Weeks Sermon**

*“Greetings”*

*2 Peter 1:1-2*

## 2 Peter 1:1-2

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior

Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge  
of God and of Jesus our Lord.

*Who Wrote it?*

# 2 Peter 1:1a

Simon Peter,

*Who is it written to?*

## 2 Peter 3:1-2

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. <sup>2</sup>I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

Wendland (2000: 66) sees Peter's letter addressing seven distinct problems in the Christian communities, problems resulting from various responses to social pressure: (1) physical and psychological pressure, (2) social ostracism and exclusion, (3) potential pull from the former pagan way of life, (4) a surrounding, seductive non-Christian worldview, (5) tensions and inconsistent behavior within the fellowship, (6) spiritual doubts about the reliability of God's promises and the future, and (7) Satan's constant, deadly temptations and trials. When identified in these terms, the problems Peter addresses are just as real in the churches around the world today as they were in first-century Asia Minor.

~ Jobes, K. H. (2005). (p. 43). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

*What the book is all about*

*A Book of Warnings  
1: Against False Teachers*

## 2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them – bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. <sup>3</sup> In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

# *A Book of Warnings*

*1: Against False Teachers*

*2: Denying the Final Judgment*

*Who is Peter?*

# 2 Peter 1:1-2

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

# *Faith in Jesus*

# 2 Peter 1:1b

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*Think!!!*

## 2 Peter 1:2

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## **2 Peter 1:2**

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

## **2 Peter 3:18**

<sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

# Gospel Application:

*Are you still depending on your own righteousness?*

*Do you intellectually think about your faith?*