

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

2 PETER CHAPTER 1:1-4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Look What You’ve Become”

Living Out and Defending a Faith that is Unwavering, Resilient and Effective
against the vain and senseless arguments of this godless age.

2 Peter 1:1-4

:1 Simon Peter, a **bondservant** and **apostle** of **Jesus Christ**, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by 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, :3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Date and Place:

1st. Peter had been writing in **63ad**. Peter now is compelled to write again a second time in **66ad**. from Rome where just shortly after writing this epistle – Peter would be crucified inverted and buried in Rome.

The Times:

False teachers had arisen with direct attacks against Christianity. They attacked (1) the Transfiguration of Christ, (2) The Inspiration of Scripture and (3) The Physical person of Jesus Christ. They attacked His Deity and they attacked the doctrine of the Physical, Second coming of Jesus Christ to earth.

Theme:

Combat Faith = Living Out and Defending a Faith that is Unwavering, Resilient and Effective against the vain and senseless arguments of this godless age.

Peter is all about “True and Accurate Knowledge” regarding The Ministry / The Person / Deity of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Audience:

The flock of God, is as it was in 1st. Peter, the universal church of the 1st. century.

Naturally, it had become the target of Emperor Newson
and those of an Antichrist system.

I can only imagine Peter's intensity

as he warns the believers of the oncoming flood of error, false doctrines and coming apostasy which was about to sweep over Christendom.

Some years have now past since his writing of 1 Peter,
There is an Expected Growth and Maturity that would have taken place in the lives of Peter's scattered congregation!

Authorship:

Peter writes to us concerning his passion and care for the true doctrines of God.
(an almost radical & total departure from 1-Peter in style, structure & language)

Look What You've Become

1.) You've become an instrument in the hands of God	vs. 1
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1a.) Because of your purpose	vs. 1a
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:1a Simon Peter, a **bondservant** and **apostle** of Jesus Christ,

STRESSING TRANSFORMATION

The governing power over your life - which is it?

**You are being fashioned by your life lived today.
That truth is true regarding your past, present and future.**

Bondservant grk: doulos; a willful slave. Not only of your master, but of your own decision making – to take your “enslavement” to the extreme.

Apostle grk: apostolos; a messenger, one sent on a mission

Combined It Means = that we decided to be willful, deliberate messengers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

**The reality is – if God is at work in your life,
Then you will be able to see a notable change in your life.**

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Peter, A Senior Fellow from The University of Hard Knocks

had learned this SUBMISSION from his experience –
Just like you and I are learning now.

Example of willful Enslavement:

- A Mother's Joy of Being Enslaved to the Nurturing of Her Child.
- A Husband's Joy of Being Enslaved to Loving His wife.
- A Father's Joy of Being Enslaved to the Welfare of His Family.
- A Wife's Joy of Being Enslaved to the Companionship of Her Husband.

Liberties and Freedoms all have limitations and fences.
Where there is no limitations and fences, there is no freedom and liberty.

Look What You've Become

You've Become an Instrument in the Hands of God

1b.) Because of your faith

vs. 1b

**:1b to those who have obtained like precious faith
with us by the righteousness...**

obtained lagchano; to obtain by lot, cast lots, chosen, received.

To possess or to own or to have within your grasp;
The exact same faith as all others

precious grk: isotimos; held in high and equal honor of the same kind. That which is of infinite worth and value. (***The picture is that of a slave carrying an object of infinite and extreme worth from one place to another***)

faith grk: pistis; from 3982; faith, faithfulness. Proof. Evidence.

Salvation Faith is in Mind, but not only **Salvation Faith**.
Peter is Speaking of a **Faith that has Moved On and Out into Deeper Water,
Deeper Experiences and Deeper Devotion.**

A Warning Against Our Modern “Christianity”

Identifying an object

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A Warning Against Our Modern “Christianity”

1 Timothy 4:1 ESV

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

righteousness grk: dikaiosune; from 1342; righteousness, justice: —right(1), righteousness(90).

The Sovereignty of God and the Responsibility of Man.

He “saves” us alone and fully - then we live “saved” lives.

2 Peter 1:1b KJV

to them that have obtained like precious faith with us **through** the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:12-14

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18 NKJV

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 1:18 ESV

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Titus 2:13

waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ

Isaiah 9:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:21-23

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." :22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Romans 9:5

To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Hebrews 1:8

But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

John 20:28-29

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

End of Study

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