

# Study 1

Read 2 Peter 1:1-4

## SUMMARY OF THE PASSAGE

At a time when false teachers were attacking the church with incorrect doctrine, Peter writes this letter to assure believers about the truth they must believe and obey. After greeting his readers, Peter reminds them about the gifts they have received through Jesus. Through Christ's power, all Christians have received the faith, knowledge, and promises leading to holiness and eternal life.

## MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 1:3 (HCSB)—His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What titles does Peter use to introduce himself (1:1)?
2. How does Peter describe the faith of his readers (1:1)?
3. What does Peter mean by the phrase “the righteousness of Jesus Christ” (1:1)?
4. What is it that “grace and peace” come through (1:2)?
5. What does Peter say Jesus' power has given to Christians (1:3)?
6. What have Jesus' gifts come through (1:3)?
7. What words does Peter use to describe the promises of Jesus (1:4)?
8. For what purpose did Jesus give us His promises (1:4)?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How comfortable are you with describing yourself as a “slave of Jesus Christ”?
  
  - Do you ever fail to recognize that your faith is of equal honor to the faith of others? What result does this have?
  
  - Why is it so important to understand that you have received everything you need for “life and godliness”?
  
  - What practical steps do you take to increase your knowledge of Jesus Christ?
  
  - What are some of God’s precious promises that guide your daily life and keep you from sinful desires?
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1. Read 2 Peter 1:1-4 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.
  
  2. How does Peter refer to himself in verse 1?
  
  3. What is his wish for them in verse 2?
  
  4. What has “His divine power” given to us, according to verse 3?
  
  5. Explain the phrase “through the true knowledge of Him” in verse 3.
  
  6. What two things stand out in the latter part of verse 3 as the means of His calling us?

7. What has He given us in verse 4?

8. What have we “escaped” by receiving Jesus Christ, according to verse 4?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Faith is the single condition of God’s work in declaring us righteous before Him.

LESSON #2: The more we get to know Him, the greater will be our experience of grace and peace.

LESSON #3: He has provided everything we need for life and godliness.

LESSON #4: We find the answer to our every need in Jesus Christ.

LESSON #5: When we exercise faith in His power, His person, His promises, He makes us partakers of the divine nature.

LESSON #6: Desire energizes the old nature to produce sin, which leads to destruction.