

Greeting

**1** Simeon Peter, a servant of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained equal standing with ours by the grace of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, grace and peace be multiplied to you from the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Confirm Your Calling and Election

His divine power has granted to us all things pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, **4** by which he has granted us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of his divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. **5** For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and knowledge, **6** and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. **8** For if these qualities are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** For what these qualities is so nearsighted that you are leaving behind the things that were once your glory.

A STUDY THROUGH

# II PETER

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> PETER: INTRODUCTION

WHO?



The Apostle Peter

WHEN?



~64 A.D.

TO WHOM?



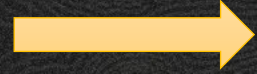
The Diaspora

FROM?



Babylon

WHY?



(Incipient) Gnosticism

WHAT FOR?



Building believers

HOW?



Maturity; recognizing false teachers/doctrine

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**2 Peter 2:1 (ESV)**

# WHY? Incipient Gnosticism

Dualism



The physical is 'bad',  
whereas the spiritual is  
'good'.



Which leads to a *skewed*  
**Christology**



... and 'Secret' knowledge

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# WHAT FOR? The *purpose* of Peter's letter:

PURPOSE



Build up the believers' knowledge of truth, so that they would not be susceptible to false teachers.

# HOW? The author's insight/instructions:

HOW



Ch. 1: Become mature  
(growing in God's Word)

Ch. 2: Understand what  
false teachers look like.

Ch. 3: Recognize their false  
doctrine.

“They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls...”

**2 Peter 2:14 (ESV)**



"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go."

**John 21:18 (ESV)**

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**John 14:27 (ESV)**