

# Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

## 2 Peter 1:1-4

### Lesson 1

In his first letter, Peter emphasized the grace of God as the recipients of the letter faced trials from sources without the body of Christ. In his second epistle, Peter's emphasis is on the knowledge of God as the recipients faced trials from sources within the body of Christ. Peter's desire for believers is that the *grace and peace* of God *be multiplied* in our lives. In this lesson, we learn that God's *grace and peace* are a fruit of knowing Jesus. May this lesson be a fresh reminder of all our Lord Jesus has accomplished for His children.

#### DAY ONE: Read 2 Peter 1:1-4

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
  - a. 2 Peter 1:1-4 is one section/paragraph. List below the subjects(s) covered in this section.

How would you title this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

*God, Jesus, knowledge, and glory*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in 2 Peter 1:1-4. Remember, as you mark the words *God* and *Jesus*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them. You do not need to mark every word that refers Them - only those that you feel are significant.

3. Choose one of the key words from question #2 and record what you learned.

## DAY TWO: Read 2 Peter 1:1-2

1. *Simon Peter* identifies himself as the author of this letter. What two words does he use to describe himself?
  - a. An apostle is a person of authority. Yet a bondservant has little, if any, authority. Why do you think that an *apostle* should also be a *bondservant*?
  
2. In 1 Peter 1:1 believers are defined by their geographical location. In 2 Peter 1:1 believers are defined by their spiritual position. Record this from 2 Peter 1:1b.
  - a. How is this *faith* described?
  
  - b. How is it *obtained*?
    - 1.) What have all believers *obtained*?
      - a.) List some synonyms for the word *precious*.
  
      - b.) In what way is your *faith* in the Lord Jesus Christ *precious* to you?
  
    - 2.) Consider the cost of this *precious faith* by reading 1 Peter 1:18,19. How does this increase your appreciation of this *precious faith*?
  
3. Peter sends greetings of *grace and peace* to these believers. According to 2 Peter 1:2, how is *grace and peace multiplied to you*?
  - a. The word *knowledge* is a key word in this letter. This is the first of many times that Peter will use this word in this letter. How have you personally experienced the *knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord* bring you *grace and peace*?

### DAY THREE: Read 2 Peter 1:3

1. 2 Peter 1:3 is a powerful verse. Write it phrase by phrase below.
  - a. What does this mean to you in the sense of practical, everyday living?
  
2. How does 2 Peter 1:3a speak to you about God's provision for living the Christian life?
  - a. Through *His divine power* what has been given to us?
    - 1.) Comment on the words *all things* in this verse.
    - 2.) Define *godliness*.
  - b. *Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness* NASB. Meditate on this powerful truth again. In light of the wonderful gift of God for the believer, why do you think there are so many defeated Christians who are not living a *life of godliness*?
  
3. When you are born into the family of God by faith in Christ, you are born complete. What does Colossians 2:10 say that verifies this?
  - a. Like a newborn baby, the Christian is equipped with all she needs. Her place is to grow in what she has been given. In what ways have you grown since you became a believer?
  
4. According to the last phrase of 2 Peter 1:3, what has God *called us by*?
  - a. *Glory* here means to be like Christ; *virtue* refers to moral goodness and has to do with excellence and courage. What does this say to you about your walk?
  - b. Observe the Amplified Bible version of this phrase: *Who has called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue)*. How does this amplify your understanding of His calling on your life?

## DAY FOUR: Read 2 Peter 1:4

1. God has given us all that we need for *life and godliness*. According to 2 Peter 1:4a, what else has been given to us?
  - a. What do the words *exceedingly great* and *precious* say to you about these *promises*?
  
2. According to 2 Peter 1:4b, why have believers been given these *promises*?
  - a. It is God's plan that every Christian become like Christ. What does Romans 8:29 teach about this?
    - 1.) What do you see in the promise of Romans 8:28 that accomplishes the purpose of Romans 8:29?
  
  - b. We have our part. What are we told to do in Ephesians 4:24 and Colossians 3:10?
    - 1.) In your own words explain what this means we are to do.
  
3. There are over 3,000 promises in the Bible. Share some *precious promises* from God's Word that are *exceedingly great* to you.

## DAY FIVE: Read 2 Peter 1:4

1. The final phrase of verse four provides hope for the believer. Write what 2 Peter 1:4c says.

a. Define the word *escaped*.

1.) List a few antonyms for the word *escaped*.

2. As Christians it is part of our inheritance in Christ that we *escape the corruption that is in the world through lust*. Share what it means to you that through being a *partaker of the divine nature*, you have *escaped this corruption*.

a. What changes have you seen in your life?

b. Through the *divine nature* we can have freedom from the *corruption of worldly lust*. In order to experience this, what is our part? Use Jude 1:20,21 as a guideline for your answer.

3. In what ways do you see that this world is *corrupt*?

4. Read Romans 13:14. In what practical ways can you apply this?

## DAY SIX: Review 2 Peter 1:1-4

1. In what way does
  - a. *the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ* affect your decision to choose godly characteristics for your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. *the knowledge of His exceedingly great and precious promises* affect your decision to choose godly characteristics for your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. As you review these first four verses of 2 Peter, spend some time recording just some of the things you have *obtained* through your *precious faith in our God and Savior Jesus Christ*.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In what way have you come to a greater appreciation of the *exceedingly great and precious promises of God*?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What particular truth from this lesson would you especially like to remember?

*The LORD has done great things for us,  
And we are glad.*

*- Psalm 126:3*