



THE BOOK OF  
2 PETER

Saving Faith // 2 Peter 1:1-4

# Background Information

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*"<sup>1</sup> Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ."*

Simeon (Hebrew name) = God hears / listens

Peter (Converted name) = Grk. *petros*; little stone / rock

There is life-changing power in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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servant (*doulos*) = willing slave (identity)

apostle = sent forth one (position of leadership)

Our identity in Christ must always precede  
our calling in this life.

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All true believers have received  
a faith of equal standing.

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- WRITTEN WHEN: 65AD (about 1 year after writing 1 Pet. and 2 years before martyred)
- WRITTEN WHY: to expose and combat false teaching within the church.

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*"<sup>2</sup> May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."*

*"knowledge" epignosis – 13x's*

*(A personal experiential relationship with God.)*

Peter's desire in 2 Peter is that you would "grow in the knowledge" of the Lord Jesus. (3:18)

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*“<sup>1</sup> Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a FAITH of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ...”*

The Great Exchange—our sin for his righteousness.

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*"<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness..."*

Saving faith grants us power to live a life of holiness and godliness.

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*"<sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises..."*

God's promises are precious and very great because God can and will fulfill them.

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*“...so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature...”*



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