

Deeper Walk with God - 1 and 2 Peter

Enough Knowledge 2 Peter 1:1-21

Intro to 2 Peter

Most disputed and last accepted book of New Testament

Contrast with 1 Peter

- 1 Peter written to encourage and comfort persecuted
- 2 Peter to warn of false teachings and stale faith
- 1 Peter emphasis suffering of Christ Jesus - hope
- 2 Peter emphasis glory of the Lord Jesus - knowledge

Problem - false teachings claiming superior knowledge

Answer - True knowledge of Christ (knowledge/know 13 times)

John 17:3 And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

How to detect false teaching - be sure you know the truth and grow in it!

I. True Knowledge 2 Peter 1:1-11

A. Begins with Faith in Jesus our Lord 1-4

Simon Peter - - Servant/purchased and apostle/chosen (authority)

1. In a person - Jesus Christ 2
Righteousness of God - our Savior
Brings grace and peace into our lives
2. In divine power - God 3
Everything needed for godliness - no secret truth needed
Called by His glory and excellence
3. In precious promises - to become 4
Partakers of divine nature
Escaped from corruption of world system

B. Grows through Faith in Jesus 5-7

7 characteristics of a deeper Christian Walk

From God but sought with all diligence and intentionality

To add - meaning supply generously - not automatic

Moral Excellence - virtue, moral goodness (Christ 1:3)

Knowledge - Moral wisdom, understanding of truth

Self-control - self-mastery, opposite of excess

Perseverance - Patience, steadfast endurance (God's eyes)

Godliness - Reverence, respect toward God - awareness of God

Brotherly Kindness - Love and cherish each other as brethren

Love - Agape/Sacrificial love for each other

C. Produces the rewards of Faith 8-11

1. Fruitfulness
Love Joy peace... and reproduction in others
2. Vision
Not blind or short-sighted to the cleansing of God
3. Security
Certain that God called and chose us
Certain of a glorious welcome in heaven
Certain that Christ is our Savior and Lord

II. Trustworthy Foundation 2 Peter 1:12-21

A. Worth repeating - Men die but the truth remains - 12-15

It is God's plan - one teaches and reminds the next
It is the right thing to do - stir up one another
Time is limited - what we do for Christ remains

B. Based on reliable accounts 16-18

Here the transfiguration **Matthew 17:1-8**
Eyewitness - first person accounts of events
Heard the voice from Heaven - My beloved Son...
Christ received glory and honor from God

C. Founded in the powerful living Word of God 19-21

1. A Sure Word -The prophecies of old are trustworthy 19
Fulfilled in Christ - can be relied upon
2. A Shining Word - shining in the darkness 19
Our world is growing darker due to rejection of truth
His Word is light **Psalms 119:105**
3. A Spirit-given Word 20-21
Not from man alone - so not to be interpreted by man alone
Men (human element) moved by Holy Spirit (divine)
Moved means to be carried by **2 Timothy 3:16**

Question we need to ask ourselves

Is my faith in Christ and His promises real to me?

Is my faith growing in the characteristics listed?

Am I producing fruit of Faith in my life?

Is my faith based on the Word of God?

Am I allowing the Word of God to shine in my life?