

Grace and Truth: GOD'S GIFT PACKAGE FOR A GODLY LIFE

2 PETER 1:1-4

The Grace God Gives

... a righteous _____ before the Lord

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 ... v. 1

... a growing _____ into the benefits to be enjoyed in our relationship with God and His Son

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. v. 2

... an abundant _____ to live the Christian life

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness ... v. 3a

The Glory God Guarantees

... a glorious _____ in the marvelous presence of our Lord

... through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence ... v. 3b

... a firm _____ that one day our sanctification will be final and complete.

... by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature ... v. 4a

... a liberating _____ from the futility of a fallen world

... having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. v. 4b

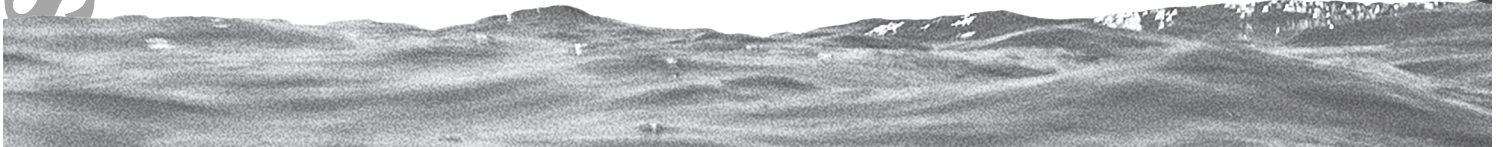
Questions FOR APPLICATION:

Grace is what God has provided—*have you* _____ *it?*

Glory is what God has promised—*do you* _____ *it?*

Growth is what God is prompting—*will you* _____ *it?*

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18a



7 CHANGES OF SALVATION MARK L. BAILEY	
Regeneration <i>John 3:3; Titus 3:5-7</i>	A change of nature; a new heart from God <i>Being born of the Spirit of God in response to the Word of God</i>
Repentance <i>Acts 20:21; Heb 6:1, 2</i>	A change of mind; a new attitude about God <i>Turning from dead works to believe in the living God</i>
Conversion <i>Matt 18:3; Acts 14:15</i>	A change of direction; a new experience with God <i>Having the humility to turn toward and trust only in God</i>
Justification <i>Rom 5:1; Gal 3:24</i>	A change of position; a new standing before God <i>Gaining a pardon from sin and a peace that endureth</i>
Adoption <i>Eph 1:5; Gal 4:5</i>	A change of family; a new relationship with God <i>Approaching God as Father and awaiting His eternal inheritance</i>
Sanctification <i>2 Thess 2:13; Heb 12:14</i>	A change of lifestyle; a new separation unto God <i>Accepting being set apart for His plans and our purity</i>
Glorification <i>Rom 8:28-30; Phil 3:20, 21</i>	A change of body; a new existence with God <i>Trusting God's purposes for this life and His power for the next</i>

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read 2 Peter 1:1-4. What does verse 1 teach about the righteousness of God and Christ?
2. What does verse 2 teach about one's knowledge of God and Christ?
3. Verses 3-4 record what has been granted to the believer. Make a list of these to display in a prominent place to meditate on during the next few weeks. Do you find yourself focusing on one more than others right now? Why?
4. What does it mean, and not mean, to be "partakers of the divine nature" (v. 4)?
5. How does Peter describe those to whom he is writing (v. 1)? Is this true of you as well? How does this truth affect your daily life?
6. What role does the believer have when it comes to the development of the Christian life? What role do the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have?
7. What qualities of the Christian does Peter list here? Give an example of how you see you and God working together to produce one of these qualities in your life.
8. Discuss any thoughts from the sermon that were new or encouraging to you.

HELPFUL

Quotes

The purpose of 2 Peter is to call Christians to spiritual growth so that they can combat apostasy as they look forward to the Lord's return - *Kenn Gangel*

Second Peter is the swan song of Peter, just as 2 Timothy is the swan song of Paul. There are striking similarities between the two books. Both epistles put up a warning sign along the pilgrim pathway the church is traveling to identify the awful apostasy that was on the way at that time and which in our time has now arrived. What was then like a cloud the size of a man's hand today envelops the sky and produces a storm of hurricane proportions. Peter warns of heresy among teachers; Paul warns of heresy among the laity. - *J. Vernon McGee*

Brief but powerful, 2 Peter serves as his last written words to the church and a permanent testament of Peter's practical teachings. ... Unlike the first letter that pointed to Christ as the source of hope in hurtful times, Peter wrote his second letter, as we would say today, to rattle some cages. He knew his time on earth was nearly up. Instead of leaving the fading echoes of his oral preaching that would be quickly forgotten, Peter wanted to leave an unfailing written record of his teaching. Understandably, Peter picked his battles wisely. He didn't have the time or patience for incidental matters. So in this letter he treated essential themes that would matter not only to his original readers, but to us as well. - *Chuck Swindoll*

YOUR NEXT STEP AT

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We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



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Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL

Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!