

2 Peter

Sermon Notes – May 5, 2019

[#01] *Allotted a Faith of Equal Standing*

2 Peter 1:1–2

Children’s Sermon: Faith that Saves

- The Three Little Pigs
- The Blind Man Bartimaeus – “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Mark 10:52

And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; **your faith has made you well.**” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

- A Pool called Bethesda (John 5:2–14)
- Trust Jesus to Rescue You from Sin & Death!



Introduction to 2 Peter

Notes:

Today’s Biblical Bullet...

Faith in Jesus saves because Jesus actually has the power to deliver us from sin and death.



I. From Whom? (1:1a)

¹ **Simeon Peter**, a servant and **apostle** of Jesus Christ...

(**Canon?** Apostolic; Early; Usefulness; Style; Jude)

“God *determined* the canon, and man *discovered* it.”ⁱ



II. To Whom? (1b; 3:1; 1 Peter 1:1)

This is now the **second letter** that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder...



III. For What Purpose?

A. Basic Structure of the Letter

- I. Letter Greeting (1:1–2) ⁱⁱ
 - II. Letter Body: A Warning Against False Teachers (1:3–3:18a)
 - A. God’s call to glory and virtue (1:3–11)
 - B. The apostolic testimony and the false teachers (1:12–2:22)
 - C. A call to holiness (3:1–18a)
 - III. Letter Closing: A Doxology (3:18b)
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B. Peter’s Imminent Death (1:13–15)

¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the ***putting off of my body will be soon***, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

(Peter probably wrote this letter about A.D. 67–68, shortly before his death.)

C. False Teachers (2:1)

¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be ***false teachers among you***, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

1. Seduction (2:18–19)

¹⁸ For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they ***entice by sensual passions of the flesh*** those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. ¹⁹ They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

2. Delay (3:4)

They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”

3. Twist the Scriptures...Take Care (3:15–18)

¹⁵ [Paul] ¹⁶ ...There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable ***twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures***.

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, **take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.** ¹⁸ But **grow in the grace**



and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Greeting 2 Peter 1:1-2: *Allotted a Faith of Equal Standing*

I. A Faith of Equal Standing (1:1b–2)

¹ Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ...

To those who have obtained a **faith of equal standing** (*equal in honour or privilegeⁱⁱⁱ*) with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

II. Grace & Peace through Knowledge

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

...Fired at our Life & Heart

We have been granted a secure and ever deepening faith in Jesus.



III. Application

- A. **True Faith**: Jesus – Righteous & God; Genuine Revelation
- B. **True Knowledge** – Justification & Sanctification
- C. **True Freedom** – Divine Power, Grace & Peace

2 Peter 1:3

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, *through the knowledge of him* who called us to his own glory and excellence...

ⁱ Geisler, N. L. (1999). [Bible, Canonicity Of](#). In *Baker encyclopedia of Christian apologetics* (p. 81). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

ⁱⁱ Adapted from Green, G. L. (2008). [Jude and 2 Peter](#) (pp. 169–170). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

ⁱⁱⁱ Liddell, H. G., Scott, R., Jones, H. S., & McKenzie, R. (1996). [A Greek-English lexicon](#) (p. 840). Oxford: Clarendon Press.