

# Everything We Need II Peter 1

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# “Everything We Need”

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- ❖ Knowing Jesus
- ❖ Understanding the Scriptures

# II Peter

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- ❖ Letter
- ❖ Testament
- ❖ Apologetic

# II Peter

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- ❖ Greeting (1:1-2)
- ❖ God's grace and godly living (1:3-11)
- ❖ Farewell address to the churches (1:12-21)
- ❖ Evaluation of false teachers (2:1-22)
- ❖ The Coming Day of the Lord (3:1-13)
- ❖ Concluding exhortations (3:14-18)



# II Peter 1:1

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Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

# Peter and the Gentiles:

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- ❖ He welcomed Cornelius (Acts 10)
- ❖ He was at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)

## II Peter 3:1

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Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.



# I Peter 1:1

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Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the  
provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,  
Asia and Bithynia,



# “Doulos” = servant/slave

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- ❖ Moses
- ❖ Joshua
- ❖ The prophets
- ❖ Peter
- ❖ Paul
- ❖ James
- ❖ Jude
- ❖ Christians

# “Doulos” implications:

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- ❖ We belong to God.
- ❖ We are at His disposal.
- ❖ We owe Him our obedience.
- ❖ We should be about His business.

# II Peter 1:2

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Grace and peace be yours in abundance  
through the knowledge of God and of Jesus  
our Lord.



## II Peter 1:3

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His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

## II Peter 1:4

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Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



## II Peter 1:5-7

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For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.



# Christian virtues:

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- ❖ Faith
- ❖ Goodness
- ❖ Knowledge
- ❖ Self-control
- ❖ Perseverance
- ❖ Godliness
- ❖ Mutual affection
- ❖ Love

# Knowing Jesus:

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- ❖ He has power.
- ❖ He is generous.
- ❖ He has given us promises.
- ❖ He expects us to respond.
  - ❖ By escaping corruption in the world
  - ❖ By participating in the divine nature

## II Peter 1:8

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For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## II Peter 1:9

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**But whoever does not have them is  
nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they  
have been cleansed from their past sins.**

## II Peter 1:10-11

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



W. W. Klein:

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“Peter abhors the emptiness of a mere profession that produces no fruit in a believer’s life. Not that one’s acts earn salvation, but the confirmation of calling and election exists in a life of faithfulness.”



## II Peter 1:12

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So I will always remind you of these things,  
even though you know them and are firmly  
established in the truth you now have.

## II Peter 1:13-14

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I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.



# John 21:18

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[Jesus to Peter]: “Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”



# John 21:19

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Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

## II Peter 1:15

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And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

## II Peter 1:16

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For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.



## II Peter 1:17

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He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

# II Peter 1:18

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**We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.**

## II Peter 1:19

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We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.



## II Peter 1:20-21

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Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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# Are you being called?

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- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper