

Second Epistle of Peter

3:18

*Fulfill Your Responsibilities
as Recipients of the true grace of God.*

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Introduction: 1:1-2

Theme, v. 2:

"Grace & peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,"

The spiritual resources of a believer (1:1-4)::

4 Resources that make growth in grace possible for godly living (vv. 1-4)::

*(v.1) Like precious faith
(v.1) righteousness
(v.3) divine power
(v.4) great & precious promises.*

The Condition of: the Believer: 1:3-11

The believer's resources
(1:3-4)

The believer's needs
(1:5-9)

The believer's adequacy
(1:10-11)

The Authority for the Believer: 1:12-21

The need for a reminder
(1:12-15)

The trustworthiness of the apostles' witness
(1:16-18)

The divine origin of Scripture
(1:19-21)

The Danger to the Christian 2:1-22

The characteristics of false teachers (2:1-3)

The consequences of false teaching (2:4-10a)

The conduct of false teachers (2:10b-19)

The condemnation of false teachers (2:20-22)

The Prospect for the Christian 3:1-16

The purpose of this epistle
(3:1-2)

Scorning in the last days
(3:3-6)

End-time events
(3:7-11)

Living in view of the future
(3:11-16)

Ultimately Paul traces the motivation for leading a holy life back to the imminent return of Christ & the punishment & rewards Jesus would bring.

Conclusion 5:12-14

The purpose of 2 Peter is to motivate believers to spiritual growth (1:3-11) by showing them their "divine" resources so that they can combat apostasy (chapter 2) as they anticipate the Lord's return (chapter 3). We are recipients of God's grace and therefore, by ascribing to the resources we have in Christ, we are able to fulfill our responsibilities as children of God. PRShockley, 2001