

In 2 Peter we learn that true knowledge has great power.

16 X knowledge (1:2, 1:3, 1:5, 1:6, 1:8, 1:12, 1:14, 1:16, 1:20, 2:9, 2:12, 2:20, 2:21, 3:3, 3:17, 3:18)

**1:1** *'Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus.'*  
 'Simon' takes us back to when he first followed Jesus.  
*'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets'*  
 Luke 5:5-8

'The message of the Bible is not 'Discover your freedom' but 'Find Your Master.'  
 P. T. Forsyth

True Christian faith honors Jesus as Lord (Master) and obeys his words (you say so).

'The heart that is right loves God's rule and finds true freedom in obedience.' (H. Taylor)

### 1:1-2 Know God

To those who **through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ** have received a faith as precious as ours: **Grace and peace** be yours in abundance through the **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.**

Faith is a gift that comes from God's righteous act to *'present Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood - to be received by faith-'* (Romans 3:25).

Faith *'takes men right out of themselves and makes them one with Christ'* (Morris).

False teachers say we need more knowledge and better faith.

Peter says No! Our faith is precious and equal to the apostles.

**Grace:** No need now to worry about what God thinks of us or how he will deal with us.

**Peace:** Controls our heart amidst the trials of life since by faith we have favored status.

### 1:3 Experience Life

'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.'

God's call to faith Jesus gives us all the power we need to live **life** *'to the full'* (Jn 10:10).

We don't need anything extra to what God has already given us in his Son Jesus Christ.

### 1.4. Escape Evil

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.

Through knowing **God's promises** and our **participating in Christ**, we escape corruption in the world caused by evil desires. **'Escaped'** = a completed action when we believed.

No exceptions. No excuses.

**You have cleansed and sanctified me, You Yourself have set me free. In your truth You do direct me, by Your Spirit through Your Word; And Your grace my need is meeting, As I trust in You, my Lord.** Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love and power on me, Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.