

II Peter 1:1-2

I. Introduction:

A. Prior to Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Jesus told Peter to feed His lambs/sheep (**John 21:15-17**).

1. Peter didn't hesitate to jump right in to the work after Jesus ascended into Heaven (**Acts 1:15-16, Acts 2:14**, etc.),
2. When we finished the first letter Peter wrote, we see he took to shepherding in the most literal way, being an elder (**I Peter 5:1-4**).

B. Peter being an elder kept him local, but that did not end his work as an Apostle. This is the follow up letter to his first (**II Peter 3:1-2**).

1. At the writing of this letter, he knows his days are short (**II Peter 1:13-14**).
2. The goal of this letter is to remind the saints (**II Peter 1:12; 1:15**).

II. Body: II Peter 1:1-2

A. Peter understands his role as an Apostle - to serve (**Matthew 20:20-28**).

1. Peter did not always understand being a servant (**John 13:1-17**).
2. Recognizing the servant role of every one of us keeps things in perspective (**Luke 17:7-10**).
3. Think about how significant that understanding is not only for all saints, but especially for one having the authority of an evangelist (**Titus 2:15**), Apostle (**Matthew 16:13-19, Acts 2:42**, and **II Corinthians 5:20**), and an elder (**Hebrews 13:17**).

B. Like precious faith [or mutual] (cf. **Romans 1:12**).

1. Like faith in that there is one faith (**Ephesians 4:4-6**).
2. The price, the value of the faith had a precious price (**I Peter 1:18-19**).
3. That one faith for both Jew and Gentile (**Romans 3:22** and **Romans 3:29-30**).

C. Like precious faith THROUGH the righteousness of the Father and Son (**Philippians 3:9**).

1. We see the righteousness of God through the Gospel (**Romans 1:16-17**).
2. Our righteous God has given us the means whereby we obtain that like precious faith (**Romans 10:14-17**).

D. The language of grace and peace multiplied (**I Peter 1:1-2**).

1. Epistles commonly included the extension of grace and peace (**Romans 1:7, I Corinthians 1:3, II Corinthians 1:2, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 1:2, Philippians 1:2, Colossians 1:2, I Thessalonians 1:1, II Thessalonians 1:2, I Timothy 1:2, II Timothy 1:2, Titus 1:4, Philemon 1:3, II John 1:3, and Revelation 1:4**).

2. For grace and peace to be multiplied [increased] work has to be done on the part of the believer (**I Peter 3:10-11** and **II Peter 3:18**).
3. Through knowledge is self-explanatory (**Colossians 1:10; 3:10**).

III. Conclusion: Our next lesson: **II Peter 1:3-4**