

Feeding Your Soul

P a r a g r a p h S t u d y

2 Peter
1:1-4
GQ

Observation What Do I See?

1 Mark up the paragraph below with colors and symbols about what you notice.

Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted

to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Ideas for mark-up

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Repeated Words/ Ideas/Subjects
- Commands (e.g., put aside, pray without ceasing, etc.)
- Lists (e.g., characteristics, sins, promises, etc.)
- Connecting words (e.g., for, yet, therefore, nor/or, but, so, and)
- Actions/Verbs
- Comparisons (e.g., like or as)
- Contrasts (e.g., light or dark)
- Warnings or Promises

2 Write what you learned about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit.

3 What did you learn about what you marked up? Write any questions you have about this text.

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

4 Compare translations highlighting any major differences in word choices.

NASB	ESV	NIV
<p>Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,</p> <p>To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.</p>	<p>Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,</p> <p>To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 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, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.</p>

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

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1. Peter identifies himself as both a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ in verse 1. Look up Ex. 21:1-6; Matt. 8:9; Mk. 10:44; and Luke 17:10 to define bond-servant. Now turn to Rom. 1:1 and Titus 1:1 to see how Paul describes an apostle. Record your findings.
2. What do you learn about those Peter is writing to in verse 1? Now look at 3:1. What do you learn? Compare and contrast Peter's description of his readers in 2 Pet. 1:1 with 1 Pet. 1:1-2.
3. What blessings does Peter desire to be abundantly given to his readers according to verse 2? Where do those blessings come from (verse 2)?
4. What has His divine power granted to us (verse 3)? What means does He use to grant those things to us according to verse 3?
5. Review verses 2 and 3. What things are given to us through a true knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord? How do you gain a true knowledge of God and of Christ? See Prov. 2:1-5; Matt. 7:20-23; Jn. 17:3; 1 Cor. 1:21; Gal. 4:8-9; 1 Jn. 2:1-6.

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6. What does that little word everything in verse 3 imply, especially when applied to your life? All of us have areas in our lives that don't reflect the truths found in verse 3. What do you think would change in your life if you began to live with a real understanding that God's divine power was aiding you to live for Christ in every area?

7. How were we called (verse 3)?

8. What things have been granted to us by God's glory and excellence (His goodness) according to verse 4? For what purpose (verse 5)?

9. What does it mean to become partakers of the divine nature? See Jn. 1:12-13; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:23-24; Col. 3:10; 1 Jn. 3:2.

Application What Does It Mean for Me?

12 Based on the principles you discovered in this passage, in what ways can you express love to God and to your neighbor? What truths must you personalize?

E x a m p l e s Are there any positive examples to follow or negative ones to avoid?

P r o m i s e s Are there any promises on which to meditate?

I d e n t i t y Are there any verses that remind me of who I am in Christ?

C o m m a n d s Are there any commands to follow?

S i n s t o A v o i d Are there any sins to avoid?

<i>Examples</i>	
<i>Promises</i>	
<i>Identity</i>	
<i>Commands</i>	
<i>Sins to Avoid</i>	

Implementation

What Steps Do I
Need to Take?

- 13 Write at least one step you will take in order to apply what you have learned.

Consultation

What Truths Did Others Find in
This Passage?

- 14 Write down anything you learned from a commentary you read or sermon you enjoyed.