



## "Fanning the Flame: An Introduction to 2 Peter" (Part 1)

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### ***2 Peter 1:1a***



1 Simon Peter, a slave and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

– 2 Peter 1:1, As translated from the Greek New Testament by Tony A. Bartolucci.

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The Passage is Also Found on Page 183 of the New Testament Section of the Pew Bibles

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## **I. Fanning the Flame: An Introduction to 2 Peter**

### A. The Author (who wrote 2 Peter?)

1. Modern critics, almost to a man, believe it to be a pseudonymous letter

2. First: The Issue of the "Canon"

3. Arguments Critics Use Against Petrine Authorship

a. Relationship of 2 Peter to Jude

b. The differences in literary style and vocabulary between 1 and 2 Peter

c. 3:15-16 where Peter calls Paul's letters "Scripture"

d. 3:4 "ever since the fathers died"

e. Other objections . . .

#### 4. Peter's self-description:

a. He uses his full name (Simon Peter) for at least two reasons

(1) First, he was advanced in age and his death was near

(2) More importantly - this is his Jewish form of address

#### B. The Audience (to whom was the letter written?)

1. Peter writes as a Jew to Gentiles

2. Date?

#### C. The Atmosphere (what were circumstances of the letter?)

**Conclusion: The Foundational Righteousness of Jesus Christ**