



## "Fanning the Flame of Truth: Introduction to 2 Peter" (Part 2)

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



**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** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

– 2 Peter 1:1-2, 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 of Truth: Introduction to 2 Peter**

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

1. Criticism and Inclusion into the Canon
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Biographical Sketch of the Apostle Peter
  - a. "Simeon Peter"
  
  - b. Peter was from Bethsaida
  
  
  - c. Peter was married
  
  
  
  
  - e. Peter as a leader among the Apostles
  
  
  - f. Peter's blunders
  
  
  - g. Peter's denial of Christ
  
  
  - h. Peter's restoration (John 21 and a 'charcoal fire')

i. Peter was an Apostle

\* Two basic uses of the word "apostle" (Greek "apostolos")

1) Function:

2) Office:

\*\* Six Reasons Why we Cannot have Apostles Today (office)

1) The church was built on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostles (Eph. 2:19-20)

2) Apostles were to be eyewitnesses of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:22; 1 Cor. 9:1)

3) An apostle had to be uniquely \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus Christ (Acts 1:24-25; Gal. 1)

4) Apostles were authenticated by sign \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 12:11-12; Heb 2:3-4)

5) Apostles were men of great authority (e.g. 1 Cor. 5:3)

6) Apostles have an \_\_\_\_\_ and unique place of honor (Rev. 21:14)

\* As Wayne Grudem points out, the uniqueness of the original apostles is suggested by fact that phrase "of Jesus Christ" (i.e. "an apostle of Jesus Christ" ) is connected to no other office in the New Testament.

3. Peter's placement of "slave" before "apostle" in his self-description (v. 1)

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

1. The equality of our common salvation

2. A clear statement to the deity of Christ: He is "God and Savior"

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

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**D. The Abstract (Issues of Content)**

**E. The Address (Opening Greeting) - Verse 2**