

OPENING SALUTATION

(2 Peter 1:1-2)

- I. The Writer's IDENTITY (2 Pet. 1:1*a*)
 - A. Uses the name given by his PARENTS: SIMON
 - B. Uses the name given by JESUS: PETER
- II. The Writer's STATUS (2 Pet. 1:1*b*)
 - A. A BOND-SERVANT of Jesus Christ
 - 1. He is TOTALLY OWNED by his Master
 - 2. He is constantly at the DISPOSAL of his Master
 - 3. He owe UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE to his Master
 - 4. He must be CONSTANTLY in the service of his Master
 - B. An APOSTLE of Jesus Christ
 - 1. One SENT FORTH to fulfill a MISSION
 - 2. Specifically, "an apostle of JESUS CHRIST"
- III. The Writer's AUDIENCE (2 Pet. 1:1*c*; cf. 3:1)
 - A. The same addressed in 1 PETER (cf. 1 Pet. 1:1)
 - 1. Believers SCATTERED through ASIA MINOR

2. Those CHOSEN “to OBEY Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His BLOOD” (1 Pet. 1:1-2)

B. Those possessing TRUE FAITH

IV. The Readers’ FAITH (2 Pet. 1:1*c-d*)

A. Its CHARACTER—a gift ALLOTTED to them

B. Its QUALITY—“the SAME KIND as OURS”

1. The same in VALUE

2. The same in EFFECT

C. Its SOURCE—“by the righteousness of our GOD and SAVIOR, Jesus Christ”

1. On the basis of CHRIST’S righteousness imputed to US

2. Given by JESUS, who is both GOD and SAVIOR

V. The Writer’s GREETING (2 Pet. 1:2; cf. 1 Pet. 1:2*b*)

A. GRACE: the FREE and UNDESERVED favor God bestowed upon the GUILTY through Jesus Christ

1. Involves SATISFACTION of one’s DEBT for PAST SIN

2. Includes ENABLEMENT for DAILY LIVING

B. PEACE: the CONFIDENT sense of WELL-BEING that comes from knowing FORGIVENESS by God and RECONCILIATION to Him

C. KNOWLEDGE: Intimate UNDERSTANDING and EXPERIENCE of the truth revealed in Scripture