



WHY STUDY

1 & 2 PETER?

1 PETER

“Peter’s letters reveal his three years in Jesus’ school changed him. When he first met Jesus, Peter was bungling, fumbling, and stumbling. He had been impetuous, but now as we meet him in his letters, 30 years later, Peter is a patient pastor.”

—Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Peter doesn’t give us his theory of suffering. He speaks to us out of his own tremendous experience, and it will become very wonderful to us as it becomes our experience.

TEACHING POINTS IN 1 PETER:

- How (and why) to live daily, holy lives
- Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith
- Suffering tests our faith to see if it’s real
- The Holy Spirit leads us to the truth

LOOK HOW MUCH DOCTRINE CROWDS JUST THE FIRST VERSE OF 1 PETER 1:

Peter deals with election, foreknowledge, sanctification, obedience, the blood of Christ, the Trinity, the grace of God, salvation, revelation, glory, faith, and hope.

2 PETER

You will not be able to live for God in these days of apostasy unless you have a knowledge of the Word of God.

The Christian life is more than just a birth. It is a growth, and it is a development. The key to this entire epistle is the last verse: “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen” (2 Peter 3:18).

What growing in grace looks like from 2 Peter 1:5-7:

Make every effort to add to your faith—*virtue*

And to virtue—*knowledge*

And to knowledge—*self-control*

And to self-control—*perseverance*

And to perseverance—*godliness*

And to godliness—brotherly *kindness*

And to brotherly kindness—*love*.

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