

GROWING ⁱⁿ GRACE GUARDED ^{by} TRUTH

Study in 2 Peter



Sermon Title: "Gracious Greetings from a Fellow Slave"

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-2

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Introduction:

When presented together, the themes of 1 & 2 Peter urge us to be **faithful** AND **fruitful**.

1. By the calling and purchase of God, every believer is a fellow **slave of God (v. 1a)**

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1

2. Through the righteousness of God, every believer has equal **standing before God. (v. 1b)**

Scripture: Romans 3:21-26; Philippians 3:9; Titus 2:13

- "By the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ" is one of the strongest affirmations of the **divinity** of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

3. Through the intimate/experiential knowledge of God, every believer can experience the **multiplied daily benefits of God. (v. 2)**

Scripture: Romans 5:1-2; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Philippians 4:6-7, 9; 2 Peter 3:18

- When intimate "**heart knowledge**" of God through Christ increases, our grace and peace increase and we become more like Christ.

Questions for further consideration...

- a. *What is the daily significance of identifying as a slave of Jesus Christ? How does it shape your thoughts, actions, and priorities?*
- b. *How does our equal standing before God through the righteousness of Christ, change how you think of yourself and others?*
- c. *Peter clearly affirms the divinity of Christ. Why is that important to his teaching on the fruitfulness of all believers?*
- d. *What is the difference between unconditional grace and conditional grace? Can you give examples from Scripture of conditional grace?*
- e. *How are grace and peace multiplied in the life of a believer? What does it mean and how does it happen?*