

# GROWING <sup>in</sup> GRACE GUARDED <sup>by</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
AND \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:1

2. **Through the righteousness of God, every believer has equal \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

3. **Through the intimate/experiential knowledge of God, every believer can experience the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 “\_\_\_\_\_” 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?*