

NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

PETER

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources

**questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 18 • 2 Peter 1

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 Peter 5** has been helpful to you?

2. In **V1**, how does Peter describe the recipients of his letter?

– How does a person receive the righteousness of God? (Romans 3:22–23)

3. According to **V2–3**, what do you gain through your knowledge of God and Jesus?

– Which gain have you experienced as a result of your increasing knowledge of God?

4. **V4** says: “Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises...”. To what does “these” refer?

5. What “very great and precious promises” does He give us?

John 3:16 _____

Romans 8:28–30 _____

2 Timothy 1:7 _____

1 John 5:14–15 _____

Your favorite _____

6. As you trust in His promises, what are the results listed in **V4**?

7. What do you think “participate in the divine nature” means? See Ephesians 4:22–24 and Galatians 2:20.

8. From Question 5, which promise boosts you to participate in His divine nature in a current challenge you face?

9. **V5** encourages you to “add to your faith.” What role are you given in the growth of your faith?

– What role do you think God has in the growth of your faith (Hebrews 12:2)?

10. What are the 7 qualities of His divine nature listed in **V5–7**?

– Name some practical things you can do to make every effort to possess these qualities in increasing measures.

11. Put in your own words what you think **V9** is saying?

12. Read **V8** and **V10**. How does your adding to and increasing in these qualities align with making your calling and election sure?

Background: In the next chapter, Peter will be informing his readers on how to detect false teachers. In **V12–21** of this chapter, Peter is informing his readers on how to recognize teaching based on truth.

13. What does Peter commit to do for the readers in **V12–15**?
14. In **V16–18**, of what important credential does Peter remind his readers?
15. In **V19**, to where does Peter guide readers for confirmation of true knowledge of God?
16. In **V20–21**, what are the credentials of prophecy in Scripture?
17. To whom and to what are you turning to for guidance? What credentials do you look for to discern if they are a worthy source of true knowledge?
18. **For you personally (not a group discussion question):**
After studying 2 Peter 1, who comes to your heart that has “forgotten” their cleansing and no longer “participates in the divine nature”? Consider a commitment of prayer for this person.

Who will you ask to be diligent in praying for and asking you about the “adding to” of the 7 qualities to your faith?