

BOOK OF 2nd PETER

INTRODUCTION to 2nd Peter

In his first letter Peter feeds Christ's sheep by instructing them how to deal with persecution from outside the church (see [1Pe 4:12](#)); in this second letter he teaches them how to deal with false teachers and evildoers who have come into the church (see [2:1](#); [3:3-4](#) and notes). While the particular situations naturally call for variations in content and emphasis, in both letters Peter as a pastor ("shepherd") of Christ's sheep ([Jn 21:15-17](#)) seeks to commend to his readers a wholesome combination of Christian faith and practice. More specifically, his purpose is threefold: (1) to stimulate Christian growth ([ch. 1](#)), (2) to combat false teaching ([ch. 2](#)) and (3) to encourage watchfulness in view of the Lord's certain return ([ch. 3](#)).

Chapter 1A:1-11

1. How does the author identify himself? (1)
2. What in this epistle shows it is Peter's second epistle? (3:1)
3. To whom is this epistle written? (1)
4. How are grace and peace multiplied? (2)
5. What are some things that God has given us? (3-4)
6. What are we able to partake of if we escape the corruption of the world? (4)
7. What things are we to add to faith, and what things will God multiply? (2,5-7)
8. What rewards are there for the one who diligently adds the above qualities to his life? (8-11)
9. What is the result of not adding these things? (9)