

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for June 18-19, 2005

"Our Position by Righteousness"

2 Peter 1:1-4

1. The writer (1:1a)

a. His identity

2 Peter was written by Peter

If we cannot trust the writer, we cannot trust the writing.

b. His ministry

1) Peter served for Christ

2) Peter was sent by Christ

2. The readers (1:1b-4)

a. The reception of faith (1:1b)

1) Our faith is initiated by God, it is not derived from ourselves (Ephesians 2:8-9).

2) Our faith is identical to Peter's faith.

3) Our faith is from the imputed righteousness of Christ.

4) Christ is identified as God in 2 Peter 1:1.

b. The resources for faith (1:2-3)

1) The peace of God

God grants us peace through our faith in Him and He multiplies our peace through our knowledge of Him.

2) The power of God

Our ability to live godly lives comes from God.

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3) The provision of God

God has fully equipped us for everything He wants us to do (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

4) The persuasion of God

The personal knowledge of God moves us to walk in a manner pleasing to the Lord.

5) The promises of God

The more we embrace God's promises in His Word, the more we can employ God's power in our walk.

c. The result of faith (1:4)

1) Partaking in the divine nature

2) Escaping the corruption of the world

Godliness comes from focusing on our pursuit of God, not from focusing on our prevention of sin.