

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

2 Peter 1:1-2

Grace and Peace

Getting Started

What have you enjoyed most about the Winter Olympics?

Background

Peter probably wrote his 2nd letter from Rome about AD 64-67.

Digging In

1. **Read the book of 2 Peter.** Jot down your first impressions.
2. What are some of the main themes of Peter's second letter?
3. **Read 2 Pet 1:1-2.** How does Peter describe himself? What is the significance of the two terms he uses?
4. **John 21:15-17** records Jesus' commission of Peter as a shepherd. In what ways did Peter fulfill his commission through the writing of 2 Peter?
5. How does 2 Pet 1:1 teach the deity of Jesus Christ?
6. How does Peter show that – although he did not shrink from calling himself an apostle – he did not consider himself to be above other Christians?
7. How does this verse show that faith is a gift given to us by God?
8. How is God's righteousness related to this gift of faith?
9. Write a paraphrase of Peter's "prayer greeting" in v. 2.



Getting Personal

- Peter was clearly transformed by the grace of God. How is the transforming power of God's grace evident in your life?
- How should it impact our lives to know that peace with God, and even faith itself, are undeserved gifts from God?
- Although Christians already have peace with God on the basis of God's gracious gift of righteousness, God wants us to experience grace and peace in abundance. How is this possible?
- What are some ways we can grow in our knowledge of God?