
Young Adults
2nd Peter 1:1-11



Chapter 1:1-11

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the
righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of
God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to
life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called
us by glory and virtue,

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and
precious promises, that through these you may be partakers
of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in
the world through lust.

5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to
your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to
perseverance godliness,

7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness
love.

8 For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither
barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to
blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his
old sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your
call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never
stumble;

11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into
the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Observations

Using a highlighter pen highlight
the following in the Biblical text
(make the highlight large enough
to see):

The name **Jesus** every time it
appears in this section of scripture.

The word **faith** every time it
appears in this section of scripture.

The word **knowledge** every time it
appears in this section of scripture.

5) Read vs. 10—what is Peter saying about the status of your salvation? Is your salvation sure? How can you be confident that you are saved?

6) Which of the essential doctrines of the Christian faith is clearly affirmed in vs. 1? What is the significance of vs. 1 when witnessing to Jehovah's Witnesses?

The list of essential* Christian doctrines that emerge from the early creeds and councils includes:

- (1) Human depravity
- (2) Christ's virgin birth
- (3) Christ's sinlessness
- (4) Christ's deity
- (5) Christ's humanity
- (6) God's unity
- (7) God's triunity
- (8) The necessity of God's grace
- (9) The necessity of faith
- (10) Christ's atoning death
- (11) Christ's bodily resurrection
- (12) Christ's bodily ascension
- (13) Christ's present high priestly service
- (14) Christ second coming, final judgment (heaven and hell), and reign.

*These doctrines define the historic evangelical Christian faith. To reject or deny any of these is to move from orthodoxy to heresy. Do some research on **The Way International** and list below the doctrines that they deny.