

## The Hope That is in You – 2 Peter 1:1-9

### Lesson 8

#### The Believer's Resources

Peter's second letter was written just before his death in 66-67 A.D., most likely to the same churches as 1 Peter in the geographic area of what was then Asia Minor (Turkey in modern times). Peter wrote this second letter to help the Christians prepare for a world filled with spiritual deception and false teachers. Just as Paul earlier had written to Corinth that the devil disguises himself as an angel of light, and his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, Peter was warning and preparing his audience as well. Peter states in 2 Peter 1 that their best defense against false teachers lies in their clear apprehension of their spiritual privileges, growth, and maturity in the faith as the best antidote against error.

#### Read 2 Peter 1:1-9

1. In the greeting of verse 1, how does Peter identify himself? What special significance do those terms have (Rom 1:1, Acts 9:15)?
2. How could a bunch of dummies in Asia Minor have "a faith of the same kind" as Peter's awesome faith (Gal 3:28-29, Romans 3:22)?
3. How could they be the recipient's of grace and peace (2 Peter 1:2, Colossians 1:9-10)?
4. Where does the enablement come from to handle life's problems and trials (2 Peter 1:3, 2 Cor 9:8)?
5. According to Peter, if we by faith call on God's power and then add true knowledge to our diligence, what do we "become" (2 Peter 1:4)? Compare this to being "filled with the Spirit" in Eph 5:15-18.

6. Follow the chain reaction of applying “all diligence” in 2 Peter 1:5-7. How does each quality build upon the other to end up with the love of God? If these qualities are yours, what is the result (v 8)?
  
7. What is the negative option in verses 8-9?
  
8. What recurring problem of the human race causes us to be blind or short sighted in v 9? What prediction did Moses warn Israel about before they went into the promised land (Deut 8:10-19)?
  
9. Since the seven qualities Peter discussed in v 5-7 reveal that we are called and chosen, how can we keep from stumbling (2 Peter 1:10, 2 Cor 13:5)?
  
10. Assuming 2 Peter 1:11 is about rewards in heaven, will our “diligence” now in supplying moral excellence and godliness have an eternal impact? What kind of judgment will believers be subject to (1 Cor 3:11-14)?