

A photograph of ancient Greek temple ruins, featuring several tall, fluted columns and a partially collapsed entablature. The scene is set against a bright, overcast sky. The image has a slightly desaturated, teal-tinted color palette. A dark blue horizontal band is overlaid across the top and bottom of the image, containing white text.

God's All-Sufficient Scripture

2 Peter 1:2-4

An Exposition through 2 Peter: Established in the Truth

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By God's grace alone through faith alone, Christians believe that Jesus alone is our all-sufficient Savior, so that we find life only in Him, and we live that life to the greater glory of God.

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sola Scriptura = Scripture alone

This means that we have all-sufficient knowledge in Scripture for living to God's glory.

The issue is that we **don't live like** the Bible gives us all we need to face life in God-glorifying ways. We live like we need **Scripture-plus**.

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*“...that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to **all the wealth** that comes from the **full assurance of understanding**, resulting in a **true knowledge** of God’s mystery, that is **Christ Himself**, in whom are hidden **all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**”* (Colossians 2:2-3)

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*“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, **rather than according to Christ**. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority...”*
(Colossians 2:8-10)

Jesus is the source, means, and end of this true knowledge.

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These are multiplied to us through our knowledge of God and Christ.

Knowledge (*epignosis*) means to have a “full, rich, thorough knowledge, involving a degree of intimate understanding of a specific subject” (John MacArthur).

God’s favor and peace come by **knowing** Him and Jesus, and we are to progress in this grace and knowledge in the Christian life (2 Peter 3:18).

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“**His**” = Jesus

“**Divine**” = of God

“**Power**” (*dynameos* from *dynamis*) = “strength or inherent power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature...”

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These blessings come to us by the wonderful and effectual **call** of Christ extended to believers by Jesus' glory and excellence. This call opens our **eyes** to Jesus' **glory**—we see His divine nature as God and Lord of all, and it opens our **hearts** to His **excellence**—His sinless perfection as our Savior.

This is **true knowledge**.

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It is in the **present tense**; it refers to a past action with emphasis on the **present situation** resulting from the past action. And Peter tells us what that action was and what it's doing to us and through us ***now***.

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God brought us to Himself through the *glory and excellence* of Jesus Christ (past action). And through our true knowledge in Jesus, He has *granted to us His precious and magnificent promises* (present reality resulting from the past action).

TRUTH!

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Jesus prayed for us; He asked that God would “*sanctify [us] in the **truth**; **Your word** is truth... I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in me **through their word**” (John 17:17, 20).*

Here is the means to both **salvation** and **sanctification**.

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People who **integrate** the Bible with man's wisdom **misapply** the full realities of our redemption in Christ.

Our salvation, **revealed** in Scripture and **applied** to the issues of life, is **sufficient** for holiness.

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