



God's Gift of True Knowledge

2 Peter 1:1

An Exposition through 2 Peter: Established in the Truth

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” 1 John 5:20

Peter wants us to be **certain** of the truth, to **believe** the truth and to **obey** it—to be **faithful to live** the truth for God’s glory. So, he writes in characteristically bold fashion about the certainty of this truth from God, and He encourages believers to base their lives on a **true knowledge** of God in Jesus Christ.

Peter is contrasting God’s truth with the falsehoods of men.

Sixteen times he uses different forms of the word “*knowledge*.”

The form in 2 Peter 1:2-3 is *epignosis*.

Romans 1:28

“...*did not see fit to acknowledge*” = to have God in knowledge

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3. Knowledge of God's **will** (Col. 1:9)

What we've established is that throughout his letter, Peter is using "*knowledge*" to encourage us in a **saving** knowledge of God and in a **sanctifying** (growing in grace/likeness to Jesus) knowledge of the **truth** and of God's **ways**.

Scripture (true knowledge) brings us to God in Christ so that we can **worship** Him.

God uses Scripture to change our hearts **by** His love **to** love Him, and we can then love others with the **same love** with which we are loved.

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*“To those who have **received** a faith **of the same** kind as ours...”*

“Of the same kind” is the Greek adjective *isotimon*. It means equally precious/valuable.

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Peter's emphasis is on the **operation of divine will**. The sense of the Greek verb is "to obtain something by or as if by the random casting of lots; often understood as indicative of the divine will."

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And through God's gift of faith—our true knowledge of Jesus being our sin-substitute—God imputes or credits the sinless perfection or the righteousness of Jesus to us.

Jesus took on our sins, and by faith we take on Jesus' righteousness, so that we now stand before God in the perfect holiness of Jesus Christ.

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