



GROW IN *Christ*

Waking With Christ In Turbulent Times

2 Peter 1:1-21

Our Standing In Christ

- Peter was on equal standing with the scattered Christians, because his standing was based on the righteousness of God and being saved by Jesus Christ.
- Peter's standing was not based on his many fantastic experiences.
- Because of hardships, isolated situations, and skewed view of reality, these scattered believers needed to be reminded of who they were in Christ.
- We all have the same standing before God, because of the righteousness of our Savior Jesus Christ.

God's Divine Power Is For Us



- Peter reminds the scattered believers that they have everything they need to escape the power of sinful corruption.
- Peter tells the suffering Christians to focus on their character by building on their calling in Christ.
- Our faith in Christ is the beginning of our journey.
- Peter tells us that we can be faithful and fruitful no matter what our situation.

An Effective and Fruitful Walk with Christ



- The first thing we must add to our faith is good character.
- We then need spiritual understanding that comes from prayer and study of the Bible.
- We must be generous and compassionate people who serve others.
- If we do not have faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love then we are spiritually near sighted.
- Peter gives them, and us today, a playbook to follow so that in the midst of persecution we will never fall.

Purpose and Coming Death

- Historians say that when Peter was crucified, he requested to be crucified upside down on an inverted cross to symbolize he was not worthy to die in the same way as Jesus.
- Peter's last letter is not to give some new teaching but to remind the Christians of the truth that was already established.
- Peter believed that if he could leave fruitful and effective Christians behind then his purpose was fulfilled.
- In the last few verses, Peter succinctly tells the believers that the Gospel is the Word of God.

Conclusion



- Peter emphasized that the Gospel is the prophetic Word, and it comes from God, not from man.
- We have the sure Word from the Holy Spirit that the Gospel is the Word of God from heaven.
- When we put our faith in Christ we are part of God's royal family.
- We must apply all of Jesus' teaching to our life as we walk with Him in these chaotic times.