

INTRODUCTION TO 2 Peter

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WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 58. HEBREWS
- 59. JAMES
- 60. 1 PETER
- 61. **2 PETER**
- 62. 1 JOHN
- 63. 2 JOHN
- 64. 3 JOHN

BASIC STRUCTURE

3 CHAPTERS



KEY VERSES

2 Peter 1:6-7 "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love."

KEY THEMES*

1. God, through his grace in Jesus Christ, has enabled Christians to partake of the divine nature (1:2–4).
2. God's grace results in godliness (1:5–15).
3. The revelation of truth in Christ and in Scripture is sure because it is from God and not from man (1:16–21).
4. False teachers are handed over for destruction at the hand of God (2:1–10).
5. False teachers are ethically bankrupt (2:11–22).
6. Believers must endure in the face of opposition, knowing that they are living in the last days (3:1–13).
7. The Lord is patient with his creation, but someday he will suddenly return to judge it (3:8–10).
8. God rescues the righteous (2:7–9; 3:13–18).

*Key Themes from the ESV Study Bible

BOOK BASICS



DATE
64–67 AD



TYPE
Epistle



AUTHOR
Peter

Peter, a disciple of Jesus who also penned 1 Peter, is writing this letter from a Roman prison. Scholars believe that Peter wrote this letter right before dying a martyr's death. Unlike in 1 Peter, Peter does not specifically mention who this letter is written to or exactly where the letter ended up. According to 2 Peter 3:1, this is the apostle's "second letter" written to his readers.

In this short letter Peter warns the believers to beware of false teachers who teach heresy and live unrighteously. He teaches that the grace of Christ is what changes and equips believers to live like Christ, even in suffering. He encourages his readers to make every effort to grow in the knowledge and practice of the Christian faith as they wait for Christ to return and make all things new.