

Questions on 2 Peter chapter 1

1. Do you think the phrase, “to them that have obtained like precious faith with us,” refers to Gentile Christians or to later generations of Christians? Verse 1. (See John 20:29 and 1 Peter 1:8)
2. Is the faith mentioned in this verse subjective (belief) or objective (the gospel)? Verse 1.
3. According to Peter, how may grace and peace be multiplied to his readers? Verse 2.
4. Has Christ given us “all things that pertain unto life and godliness”? If so, how was that given? Verse 3.
5. What are some of the “exceeding great and precious promises” that enable us to partake of the divine nature? Verse 4.
6. What word in verse 5 indicates man’s part and is the opposite of carelessness, sloth, and inattention? Verse 5.

7. The American Standard Version renders the phrase: "In your faith supply virtue." What is virtue and how does faith "supply" it? Verse 5.

8. Each Christian grace becomes an instrument to perfect the one that follows, so how is knowledge perfected by virtue? Verse 5.

9. Define these terms in verse 6:

Temperance: _____

Patience: _____

Godliness: _____

10. Define these terms in verse 7:

Brotherly kindness: _____

Charity: _____

11. What will prevent Christians from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? Verse 8.

12. What is the spiritual condition of the person who lacks the qualities described? Verse 9.

13. What will cause someone to forget the forgiveness that he received in baptism? Verse 9.

14. What can we do to keep from falling (stumbling, American Standard Version) and to make our calling and election sure? Verse 10.

15. If we “do these things,” will we barely squeak into the everlasting kingdom? Verse 11.

16. Was Peter teaching them things they had never heard before? Verse 12.

17. What is meant by “I think it meet,” and what is meant by “tabernacle”? Verse 13.

18. What statement by Jesus informed Peter about the putting off “of this my tabernacle”? Verse 14.

19. In the next verses, Peter refers to the Lord’s transfiguration. What two words in verses 14 and 15 are also found in Luke 9:31-33 (the account of the transfiguration).

20. What was the “power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” that “we” (Peter and the other apostles) made known? Verse 16.

21. What was the occasion (or occasions) when Jesus received “honor and glory” from God the Father? Verse 17.

22. Peter claimed to have seen and heard something “in the holy mount.” What was it he saw and heard? Verses 16-18.

23. The American Standard Version renders verse 19: “And we have the word of prophecy made more sure.” Does this make more sense than the King James Version? If so, why?

24. Do you think this verse teaches that (1) It is impossible to understand the Bible without infallible aid; or (2) No prophecy of the scripture came about as a result of the prophet's own personal explanation? Verse 20.

25. If the prophecies were not of human origin and were delivered by men who spoke as moved by the Holy Spirit, what does that tell us about their importance? Verse 21.