

# **Vintage Christianity**

## 2 Peter 1:1-2

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

# Simeon Peter



Simeon- distinctly Jewish not used at all in the  
2<sup>nd</sup> century

I conclude that the Semitic Simeon comes  
from Peter himself, and further it represents  
an authentic touch from the apostle Peter.

- Thomas Schreiner

a **servant** and apostle of Jesus  
Christ,

## Leviticus 25:29-32

If your brother becomes poor beside you and sells himself to you, you shall not make him serve as a slave: he shall be with you as a hired worker and as a sojourner...**For they are my servants**, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.

To call the Christian the slave of God means that he is inalienably possessed by God. In the ancient world a master possessed his slaves in the same sense as he possessed his tools. A servant can change his master, but a slave cannot.

– William Barclay

a servant and **apostle** of Jesus  
Christ,

## Acts 1:21-22

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.



## 2 Peter 3:1-2

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior **through your apostles**

Peter, therefore, was not merely sharing his opinion in his letter. He wrote as a commissioned slave of Jesus Christ and his appointed apostle. He wrote authoritatively to a church threatened by false teachers.

– Thomas Schreiner

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## 2 Timothy 2:24-25

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. **God may perhaps grant them repentance** leading to a knowledge of the truth

## Philippians 1:29

For it has been **granted to you**  
that for the sake of Christ **you**  
**should not only believe** in him  
but also suffer for his sake,

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of **equal standing with ours** by  
the righteousness of our God and  
Savior Jesus Christ

## Acts 15:7-9

Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit **just as he did to us**, and he made **no distinction** between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

Romans 1:2

that is, that we may be **mutually encouraged by each other's** faith, both yours and mine.

Titus 1:4

To Titus, my true child in a **common faith**: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.



Our faith is equal to that of our Lord's earliest and closest followers. While we may be living thousands of years later, our faith is no way deficient or inferior. We have apostolic faith — nothing less.

Our faith is given equal standing. And though we have fallen, we too can know what it is to stand with them.

– David Helm

To those who have obtained a faith  
of equal standing with ours **by the**  
**righteousness of our God** and  
Savior Jesus Christ

## 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin  
who knew no sin, so that in him  
we **might become the  
righteousness** of God.

Peter adds “the righteousness of God” in order that we might know that they did not obtain faith through their own efforts or strength, but through God’s favor alone.

– John Calvin

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of equal standing with ours by the  
righteousness of **our God and  
Savior Jesus Christ**

## Romans 9:5

To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the **Christ, who is God over all,** blessed forever. Amen.

## Titus 1:4

waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**

May **grace and peace be**  
**multiplied** to you in the  
**knowledge** of God and of Jesus  
our Lord.

## 2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.  
Amen.



Biblical writers never divorce the head and the heart in terms of spiritual growth. Grace and peace abound when believers know more about God and come to know God in a deeper way in the crucible of experience.

- Thomas Schreiner