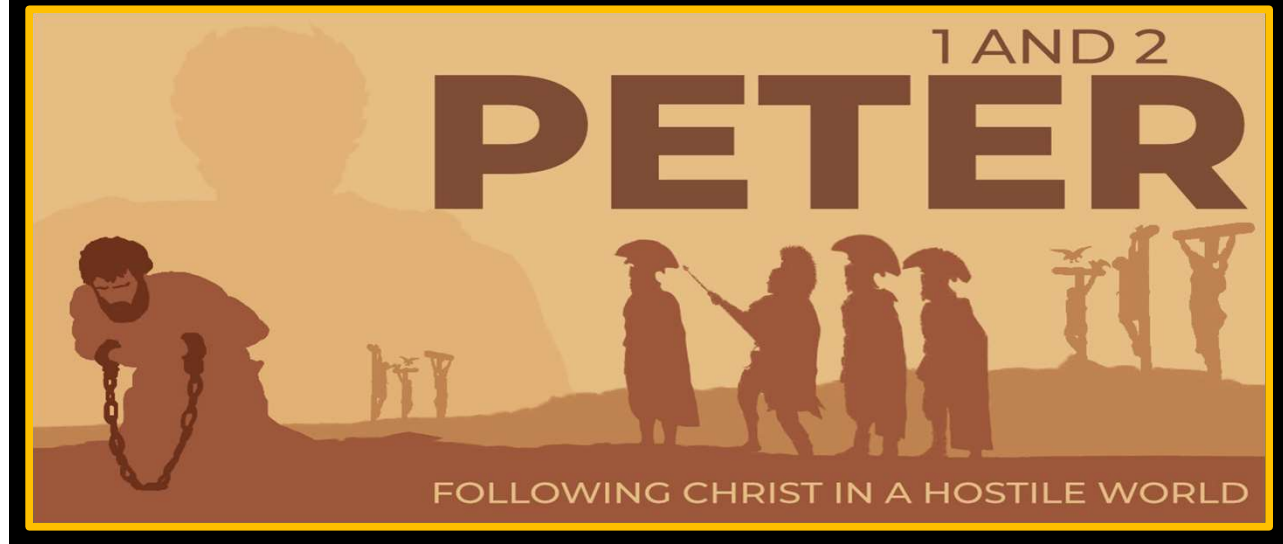


# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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## Bible Study Schedule May 2022

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
5/4/2022	The Long Way Home	II Peter 1:1 – 11
5/11/2022	If I Should Die...	II Peter 1:12 – 21
5/18/2022	Follow Which Leader	II Peter 2
5/25/2022	The Fire Next Time	II Peter 3



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## This Week's Lesson – May 4, 2022

### I & II Peter: Following Christ In A Hostile World

#### Lesson 8:

### The Long Way Home

#### II Peter 1:1 – 11



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### Introduction to II Peter

**Author:** II Peter 1:1 specifically states that the apostle Peter was the author.

**Date of Writing:** between A.D. 65 and 68.

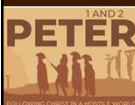
**Purpose of Writing:** To call Christians to grow strong in their faith via God's Word and the sure return of Jesus.

**Practical Application:**

- Believers are to become more mature in their faith by adding to it specific Christian virtues.
- All Christians are to be so grounded in the Word that we will be able to discern truth from error.
- We are nearer to our Lord's return than the 1st Christians. We need to get ready.



The Apostle  
Peter



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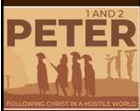
# Read II Peter 1:1 – 11

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1. What does godliness look like according to these verses (v.3) ?

## A Godly Life is:

- **A Powerful Life:** We live not by human will or power – but by the resurrection power of Holy Spirit (v.3)
- **A Peculiar Life:** Living in the promises, and presence of God make our walk different from the world (v.4).
- **A Purposeful Life:** We are striving to learn and become less like the world and more like Christ (vv. 5 – 7).
- **Praiseworthy Life:** We always have a reason to praise – because all our sins are forgiven by Christ (vv. 8 – 9).



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## 1. What does godliness look like according to these verses (v.3) ?

- **Personally Rewarding Life:** As we do the work to do God's calling, we are promised eternal rewards in heaven. (vv. 10 - 11).

*"Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments. 2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.." Psalm 112:1 – 2 (NKJV)*



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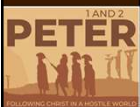
## 2. How does your own spiritual well-being depend partly on Christ's righteousness and partly on your knowledge?

**Christ's Righteousness + Our Knowledge of God/Jesus = Spiritual Well - Being**

*Note: The Uses Of The Preposition "Through" In Verses 1-2.*

- **Justification Through Faith:** We are made righteous through faith in the Person and Work of Christ.
- **Sanctification/Grace Through Knowledge:** As we seek to know the Lord God's empowers and keeps us.

*"—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." Phil. 2:12 – 13 (NIV)*



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3. Vs. 3 speaks of both knowledge and holy living as a part of the Christian life. What happens when one or the other is weak?

When Holy Living is Weak:

- **The Christian Life Is Powerless:** We won't have answered prayer or God's resources.
- **The Christian Life Loses Its Witness:** Our testimony to the world is compromised.
- **The Christian Life Is Aimless/Pointless:** We will never reach purpose or potential.

*"For the grace of God...It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age" Titus 2:11 -12 (NKJV).*



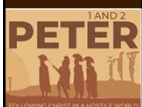
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When Knowledge is Weak:

- **The Christian Life Loses Direction:** We are hindered by the lack of wisdom from God.
- **The Christian Life Lacks Protection:** We put ourselves in danger – away from God our refuge.
- **The Christian Life Is Devoid Of Passion:** Our fire for God's purpose in our lives is diminished.

*"I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, ... that I may know Him..." Phil 3:8, 10 (NKJV)*



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4. What does Christ's power and promises give to those who accept Him (vv. 1 – 4)?

- **Powerful Grace of God:** God's power to do things in our lives that we cannot do on our own.
- **Perfect Peace In/Of God:** With sins forgiven and right relationship with God – that cannot be taken away.
- **Perfecting Knowledge Of God/Jesus:** Continuing growth in the in knowing the Person, Power, Promises and Purpose of Jesus.
- **Purposeful Calling In God:** To come out of the world to a glorious life in Christ - now and in eternity.

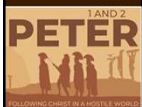


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5. What does he then expect believers to nurture their own holy living (vv. 5 – 7)?

### **Traits of Holy Living**

- **Faith:** To grow in faith in God for salvation, sanctification, and demonstration of the Spirit – filled life.
- **Goodness:** Pursuing excellence to and for others driven by trusting in the goodness of God.
- **Knowledge:** A concerted effort to know more and more about God's Word and Will.
- **Self-Control:** This is actually "spirit-control" – living a disciplined life not governed by feelings.



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- **Perseverance**: Able to withstand hardship and patient with the faults of others.
- **Godliness**: Living a holy (not perfect) life – being an example of the faithful life.
- **Mutual Affection**: Showing grace, love, and service to everyone – regardless of differences.
- **Love**: When we walk in love – we will express the previous 6 traits.



*Note: Faith is stepping stone to all the other qualities. The fruits of faith specified are seven, the perfect number.*

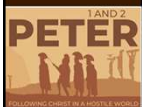
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6. How are knowledge of Jesus and godly living related to each other (vv. 8 – 9)?

**Knowledge of Jesus**: Knowing Jesus and taking on His Word and Ways, gives us the grace to live godly in His strength not ours.

*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls Matthew 11:29. (NIV)*

**Godly Living**: As we step out on our knowledge of Jesus – God will open up more knowledge of Him.



*“...be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.” Rom. 12:2 (NIV)*

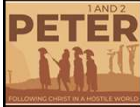
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7. What do you think it means for a person to be called and elected by God (vv. 10 – 11)?

- **Called By God:** God calls believers to faith in Jesus Christ through the Gospel (II Thes. 2:14)
- **Elected By God:** While God Call by faith, He has already chosen/elected us even before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

*While we called and elected by Grace, it should never be taken for granted – it requires effort on our part.*

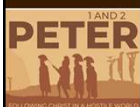
*Note: Peter subjoins election to calling, because the calling is the effect and proof of God's election, which goes before and is the main thing (Ro 8:28, 30, 33).*



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8. If we were to draw on this power that Jesus makes available, what changes would you hope to see?

- **To Be More Like Christ:** Sanctification. - the Holy Spirit stripping away our sinful habits and bringing us into holiness.
- **More Power to Witness:** The boldness to testify of the Lord Jesus Christ in situations where we would normally be fearful or timid.
- **To Know More Of God's Will:** The Spirit illuminates the dark areas of our lives to give us a clear vision of God's purpose for us.



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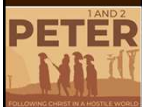
- **The Awareness Of Sin:** A better awareness to avoid and confess sin in our lives
- **Greater Understanding of God's Word:** The Holy Spirit teaches and reveals the meaning of Scripture to Christians.
- **Closer Relationship With Other Believers:** He will place love in our hearts for our brothers and sisters and we will be compelled to unite.



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### *Keys For Living*

- We can be confident that God has provided all we need to live out our Christian lives in this ungodly and unbelieving world.
- As we focus on what we have and shall be in eternity, we will be better equipped for life in the here and now.
- Although we are saved by the grace of God, it will take effort on our part to grow and make to full use of the gifts and talents the Lord has given.



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