

Living Well N.T Survey Series: 2 Peter

Where does this book fit in scripture as a whole? :

Peter, the apostle, is getting ready to die. In this book he passes on apostolic authority to the written WOG. This changes everything within the church and affects all.

This is a General Epistle. Listen to message on General Epistles at <http://mbtkc.org/archive/message/general-epistles-overview> for more on that topic.

2 Peter continues Peter's message began in 1 Peter. As is typical with other "Second Books", it deals with heresy.

Author: Peter (1:1, 1:13-14, 1:16, 3:1) Theme: Grow in Grace and Peace.

Chapter 1: Good: Growing and Knowing multiplies grace and peace.

Chapter 2: Bad: Beware! False teachers are a reality.

Chapter 3: Ugly: Live in light of spiritual reality. It is going to get ugly.

Anchor Verse: 2 Pet 1:2 (could also be 2 Pet 3:1-2, or 3:17-18).

<u>Gnosis:</u>	<u>Epignosis:</u>
2 Pet 1:5	2 Pet 1:2
1:6	1:3
3:18	1:8

Main Points:

Chpt 1: We are to have continual growth. It is described as grace and peace multiplied unto us. How to do this is carefully explained:

V.2-4: Through the knowledge (epignosis) of God and Jesus as Lord. Epignosis= recognition or acknowledgement . We know Him as He is according to his word, thru the promises he gives us.

V. 5-11: 7 things that we add to that which God has done. Add them one upon the other (no skipping the hard ones) and you cannot fail! Knowledge here= gnosis= what we can know—also "science" in 1 Ti 6:20.

V. 12-21: Apostolic authority passed on to Word of God incl. apostolic NT writings (1:19, 3:2, 15).

Chpt 2: Into God's plan for the believer's growth, grace, peace and fruitfulness the Devil mixes false teachers of scripture. We are to be aware (beware!) of their presence. They are not just alternative viewpoints to be charitably tolerated and considered! The end of their ways are bondage!

Chapt 3: The reason for this epistle is described in v. 1-2, then expounded in light of the coming scornful state in which the church will find itself. The scornful mindset of the world in general is willingly ignorant of God's judgment. We, however are looking forward to His return and should live in light of that spiritual reality. The farther time marches on, the more careful we have to be so that we do not fall into the error of the wicked.

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