

2 Peter 1:1, 2
Equal Standing

1. Simon Peter

A. Like a Rock

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.””
Matthew 16:13-19 ESV

“since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.” -2 Peter 1:14 ESV

B. Slave

“And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles Lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”” -Mark 10:42-45 ESV

C. Apostle of Jesus the Messiah

“For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.” -1 Corinthians 15:9 ESV

2. The Receivers

A. Equally

“A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”” -Isaiah 40:3-5 ESV

“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”” -Luke 3:4-6 ESV

“He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.””
Luke 3:7-9 ESV

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” -1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

“There is no true, basic difference between laymen and priests . . . between religious and secular, except for the sake of office and work, but not for the sake of status. They are all of the spiritual estate, all are truly priests, bishops, and popes. But they do not all have the same work to do.” Martin Luther

- B. With US
- C. Granted Faith
- D. By the Righteous
- E. Our GOD and Savior Jesus Christ

“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.” -John 8:58-59 ESV

3. Grace and Peace 2

A. Grace

“according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.” 1 Peter 1:2 ESV

“To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” -Romans 1:7 ESV

B. Peace Multiplied

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.” -Isaiah 26:3-4 ESV

C. Knowledge

Reflection:

Do you view your faith as Peter states in “equal standing” with him and others?

Does knowing Jesus multiply your peace?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week

Monday: Matthew 16:13-19. Why does Jesus call Simon “rock” or Peter? How would this part of Peter’s personality serve him and others in the future?

Tuesday: Mark 10:42-45. How does this verse match up with your view of following Jesus?

Wednesday: 1 Peter 2:9-10. What does Peter say about those who follow Christ in these two verses? How have you seen that applied in your life and the lives of other followers of Jesus?

Thursday: John 8:58-59. Who is Jesus claiming to be in these verses? Why would those around Him react the way they did?

Friday: 1 Peter 1:2. This greeting was common as we can read in the letters of Paul. Peter adds in both of his letters that grace and peace were to be “multiplied”. What do you think is meant here?

Saturday: Isaiah 26:3-4. Just let the reality of these verses settle in today.