

Peter's 2nd Letter

1 *From:* Simeon Peter, Jesus Christ's servant & Apostle

2 *To:* You who, through our God & Savior Jesus Christ's righteousness were given a faith every bit as good as that given to us Apostles

3 May God's unearned favor & peace of mind overflow in you through your relationship with God and Jesus our Master.

4 His divine power has showered us with *every single thing we need* for godly living, through our relationship with the One who called us by His own glory & strength. Through these, He's showered us with His awesome promises so that, through their fulfillment, you can escape the natural world's decay (introduced by man's evil desire) and share in God's immortality.

5 Since Jesus has given and promised all this, eagerly, through your faith, couple that same faith with *Ethical Living*, ethical living with *Wise Decision-Making*, wise decision-making with *Self Control*, self-control with *Endurance*, endurance with *Godliness*,

1:1 — "us Apostles" could be "us Jews"

1:1 — "righteousness" could be "fairness"

1:3 — "godly living" could be "eternal life & godliness"

godliness with *Brotherly Love* and, above all, brotherly love with *Selfless Devotion*.

8 If you really own these and keep growing in them, they'll keep you from being lazy or unproductive in your relationship with our Master, Jesus Christ. Whoever *doesn't* have these is near-sighted & blind — he's forgotten the time he was baptized and washed clean from his past way of life.

10 Instead, brothers, work hard to verify your call and election, because if you do the things listed above you will never see ruin. This way, an entry will be generously provided for you into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior Jesus Christ.