

Background and Introduction

Introduction: "Peter writes to warn the believers about the false teachers who are peddling damaging doctrine" (Talk Thru the Bible).

- I. Date and Setting
  - A. Peter is writing this letter just before his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. It was written between A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. It was written from \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. Theme and Purpose
  - A. Peter's first letter was concerning \_\_\_\_\_ from the outside; his second letter is about \_\_\_\_\_ from the inside—false teachers.
  - B. It also shows the "contrast between the knowledge and practice of \_\_\_\_\_ versus falsehood" (Talk Thru the Bible).
  - C. It is "to expose the \_\_\_\_\_ and seductive work of false teachers and to warn believers to be on their guard so that they will not be 'led away with the error of the wicked'" (ibid.).
  - D. "To counteract the effects of this 'poison in the pews,' Peter \_\_\_\_\_ his readers of the timeless truths of the faith, and exhorts them to continue growing toward Christian maturity" (ibid.). (1 Peter 1:12).
  - E. "\_\_\_\_\_ into Christian maturity is the best defense against spiritual counterfeits" (ibid.).
  - F. "Peter was both a \_\_\_\_\_ pastor and a champion of theological orthodoxy" (Bible Knowledge Commentary).
  - G. The word "\_\_\_\_\_ " is used sixteen times.
  - H. The key verses are 1:20-21 and 3:9-11.
- III. Introduction and Salutation (2 Peter 1:1-2)
  - A. "At once we are struck by his simplicity and \_\_\_\_\_. He was a bonds slave by choice; an apostle by divine appointment. He uses no pompous titles or symbols of status" (MacDonald).
  - B. Peter puts no \_\_\_\_\_ between himself and them to whom he is writing—all born again believers share the same faith.
  - C. Our faith is a "\_\_\_\_\_ " faith—of great value.
  - D. We need more \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
  - E. Those blessings can only be found in \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
  - F. The more we know Christ, the more grace and peace we will have.
  - G. It was Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ to know Christ more (Phil. 3:10).
  - H. The key to knowing Christ is knowing His \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 3-4).

Conclusion: "The Christian life demands diligence in pursuing moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and selfless love. By contrast, the false teachers are sensual, arrogant, greedy, and covetous" (Talk Thru). "You see, my friend, the Christian life is more than just a birth. It is a growth, and it is a development" (McGee).