

# The Family of God



**1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:**

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to  
you in the knowledge of God and of  
Jesus our Lord;

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

5 Now for this very reason also,  
applying all diligence, in your faith  
supply moral excellence, and in *your*  
moral excellence, knowledge,

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

7 and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

8 For *if these qualities are yours and are increasing*, they render you *neither useless nor unfruitful* in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

10 Therefore, brethren, *be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;*

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

11 for *in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ *will be abundantly supplied to you.*

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

**12** Therefore, *I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

**13 I consider it right, as long as I am  
in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up  
by way of reminder,**

**2 Peter 1:1–13**

No one can make anyone  
fall away from Christ.

People will fail us;

He never does.

If we have built our house  
upon the cornerstone of  
Christ, putting His words  
into practice, No storm  
can wash us away from  
His Life.

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

3 seeing that *His divine power  
has granted to us everything  
pertaining to life and godliness,*

2 Peter 1:3–4

through the true knowledge of  
Him who called us *by His own*  
*glory and excellence.*

**2 Peter 1:3–4**

4 For by these He has granted  
to us His *precious and  
magnificent promises*, so that by  
them you may become  
*partakers of the divine nature*,

2 Peter 1:3–4

having *escaped* the *corruption*  
that is in the world by *lust*.

**2 Peter 1:3–4**

The eternal seed of  
Christ, His very life  
and nature now defines  
us. Our entire identity  
is rooted in this reality.

The **image** of God  
never left the human  
race, but now His  
**likeness** has been  
restored in Christ.

Will we cultivate that  
seed, and continue to  
grow Christ in us until  
He is fully formed  
within?

19 My children, with whom I am  
again in labor *until Christ is  
formed in you...*

**Galatians 4:19**

5-7 ...applying all diligence, in  
your *faith* supply *moral*  
*excellence... knowledge... self-*  
*control... perseverance...*  
*godliness... brotherly kindness...*  
*love.*

2 Peter 1:5–7