

Divine Knowledge > 2 Peter 1:1-4

1:1-2 *The knowledge of God.* One of 2 Peter's major themes relates to knowledge: knowing and understanding who Christ is and what he has done. That knowledge is essential to faithful life in Christ, and it is through that knowledge that grace and peace flourish within God's people.

1:3-4 *The power of God.* It is by the power of Jesus that we have been given all we need for faithfulness in this life and eternally. We partake of Christ's promises by believing what has been revealed about our Savior. As we respond to Jesus, we come to resemble him in how we are transformed from pursuing the sinful desires of our flesh into a people who pursue Christ's own glory and excellence in our lives.

Background: 2 Peter is a small letter that contains a number of deep teachings. It is written to a church (or churches?) who were in danger of being influenced by false teachers and who needed to have a clear understanding of how to faithfully live in light of Christ's return.

The Point: Knowledge of Christ changes everything.

Head: Growing in Christ requires knowing about him – and the good news is that God has provided all we need to know.

Heart: That knowledge must transform how we live and believe...

Hands: ...which results in changed, Christ-glorifying, lives.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
