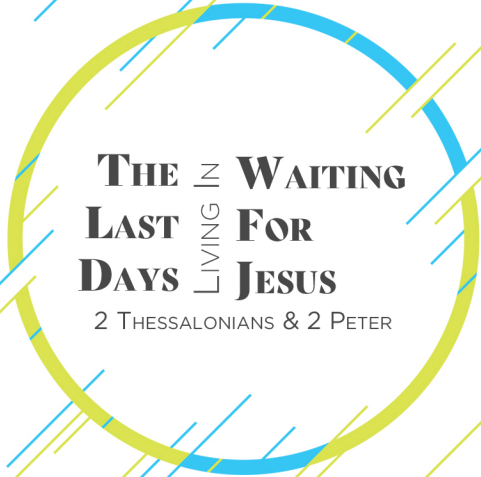


## Questions

1. James 3:2 says, "...we all stumble in many ways..." As you think about your walk with Christ, what are some ways that you find yourself easily tripped up?
2. 2 Peter 1:1 speaks of "those who have obtained a faith of equal standing" (ESV), or "those who have received a faith equal to ours" (CSB). Why does *received* seem to be the better word, and the more accurate description, based on our understanding of salvation?
3. Read 2 Peter 1:1-4. What are some of the gifts that God gives to His people? What do they mean to you? What do you gain from them? In particular, what does it mean that God has given His people everything needed to live in a way that pleases Him?
4. Why does Peter seem to emphasize knowledge? As believers, what are things we should be growing in the knowledge of?
5. Think about the eight attributes of Christlikeness that Peter lists in 1:5-7. Is there an area where you especially need help for growth?
6. As you consider 2 Peter 1:1-7, how does Peter emphasize that "grace precedes demand"? Why is that important?
7. Are you seeing growth in Christlike qualities happening in your life? Is your knowledge of Jesus growing?

*After each service, if you need prayer,  
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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## THE LIVING WAITING LAST DAYS FOR JESUS

2 THESSALONIANS & 2 PETER

**Make Every Effort**  
**2 Peter 1:1-11**  
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At the heart of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter is a scathing rebuke of false teaching. That rebuke (in chap 2) will transition to teaching on the return of Jesus and the Day of the Lord (in chap 3). But 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter begins with an emphasis on how believers are to guard against stumbling in their walk with Christ and falling away from the truth.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter contains instructions and warnings to keep followers of Jesus Christ from stumbling and falling (1:10-11).**

**Peter reminds believer of gifts that God has given them (1:1-4). They include:**

Faith

Grace

Peace

All things necessary for godly living

Knowledge

His precious and very great promises

**Our responsibility in light of God's gifts (1:5-7). We should be cultivating:**

Faith

Virtue

Knowledge

Self-Control

Steadfastness

Godliness

Brotherly Affection

Love

**These traits are to be present and growing (1:8-9) to keep us from falling (1:10-11).**