I. THE AUTHOR.

A. Internal Evidence.

1. Peter by name—1:1.

   **2 Peter 1:1**
   Simon Peter...

2. Apostle—1:1

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   Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ...

3. Servant—1:1. (In spite of being one of the original 12 apostles and also the leader of that group and part of the inner circle of three disciples—Peter, James and John.

   **2 Peter 1:1**
   Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ...


5. Mentions his first letter or epistle—3:1.


B. External Evidence.

1. Slow to be accepted as Peter’s letter.

2. Alluded to in the writings of...

   - Justin Martyr-165 A.D.
   - Irenaeus—185 A.D.
   - Ignatius—1-7 A.D.
   - Clement of Rome—96 A.S.

II. RECEIPIENTS.

A. Addressed to people of “like faith”—1:1.
B. Mentioned the earlier letter—3:1.

III. TIME AND PLACE.

A. Time: Just before his death. It’s accepted that Peter died in Rome during Nero’s reign. Since Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. Peter probably wrote sometime in 67 A.D.

B. If he wrote while in prison he would have been in Rome.

IV. PURPOSE.

A. His stated purpose is found in 1:12-15 and 3:1.

B. Knowing of his certain death it was important to Peter they know these things.

V. Theme—3:17-18.


B. Second theme: Grow in your faith—3:18.

VI. OUTLINE

A. Grow in grace and knowledge—1:3-21.
