

LAST WORDS
2 PETER 1:1-2 / 1-15-20 / WED

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.

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

4. Saw Transfigured Jesus—1:16-18.
5. Mentions his first letter or epistle—3:1.
6. Knew Paul—3:15.
7. Knew of his pending death predicted by Jesus (John 21:18-19)—2 Peter 1:13-15.

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. RECIPIENTS.

- 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.

- A. First theme: Beware of false teachers and false doctrine--3:17.
- B. Second theme: Grow in your faith—3:18.

VI. OUTLINE

- A. Grow in grace and knowledge—1:3-21.
- B. Beware of false teachers—2:1-22.
- C. Look for the Lord's return—3:1-18.