

II Peter 1:2-3

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

Peter starts off the book of Second Peter with a blessing. Here he speaks, ² **Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.** As you look back in the Old Testament, you will see that grace was present there also. In **Genesis 6**, we learn that Noah received grace from the Lord; but we also learn that he obeyed the Lord completely, in everything that he did. But it was not the same measure as we find in **Ephesians 4:7**, **But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.** So let's start by defining what grace is: Grace is unmerited favor. Grace is also what the Lord gives us that we don't deserve. The grace which God the Father gives to every Christian, is the exact same amount that He gave to His Son, when Jesus walked this earth. Grace however, is like manna, in that you can only have it in daily portions. Manna could only be used as food, in the day in which it was gathered. The only time it could be gathered for more than one day, was when it was gathered for the Sabbath. So we see here, Peter speaking a blessing where the Christians in Asia Minor will be blessed with a multiplied grace and peace. So what is peace? Peace is the missing link within every man and woman that can only be found in Jesus Christ. I recently heard Tom Brady, with the New England Patriots, share that life had to be more than Superbowls and breaking records. For this man, and countless others who have everything but a living relationship with Jesus Christ; there is a void within them that no amount of sex, money or success can fill. Peter goes on to explain that this grace and peace is found in the knowledge of God and His Son. Peter also tells us that God's divine power has granted us everything pertaining to this life and living a Godly life. So why are so many Christians living a life of defeat and despair? The number one reason why Christians lack peace, and live frustrated and defeated lives, is sin! **James 4:17** says this, **Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.** Remember Noah in **Genesis 6:22**, **Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.**

Many believers also don't have peace; because they are looking for God to bless them in areas outside of His Divine Will, and others struggle because God's timing doesn't match their own. Church this is why each of us must seek the knowledge of God. Shakespeare said, *"Ignorance is the curse of God, Knowledge the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."* True success comes as we practice the knowledge which God gave to mankind. Man's problem, is that he doesn't like the rules, so he seeks to make his own, in order to satisfy his own end or desires. If this describes you, then I exhort you to repent, and to start following God's course for your life. Perhaps you are seeking Him, you have and are continuing to deal with sin in your life; yet there is no peace. My friend, when you have done all that you can do, then stand. Never forget that you have been called by God for His glory and excellence, and not your own! True peace and happiness comes only once we have surrendered everything to the Lord. Everything means just that: Your family, life, business, ministry, money, dreams, everything!