

STUDYING 2 PETER



3: Grace And Peace

Now study 2 Peter 1:2 in the same way you did verse 1.

Comparing Scripture with Scripture

Remember that the best book at explaining the Bible is the Bible itself. If you are unsure of the meaning of a word or phrase, ask yourself:

- Where else in the Bible is it used?
- What can I learn about what it means from each of those places?
- How does that help me understand what it means in the passage I am studying?

It is not so difficult as it sounds. You will usually be able to think, from memory, of some other places where you have come across your word. If you have been using a lexicon you will have noticed that it lists places in the Bible where each word is used. Perhaps it also says how the way the word is used in some of those places helps us understand it better. Another useful tool is a concordance. A concordance lists all the main words in the Bible and tells you where each one can be found.

Try comparing Scripture with Scripture this week.

First be sure that you have understood all the words in the verse. Here are the key words that you should be able to understand:

Grace
Peace
Knowledge

Next, think about the key phrases one by one. What ideas does each of these phrases put across?

"Grace and peace be multiplied"
"The knowledge of God"

Now ask and answer all the questions that come to mind about the verse.

Of all the things Peter could have wished for them why "grace and peace?"

Why are grace and peace linked together?

Does that happen anywhere else in the Bible?

How does Peter expect the multiplication of grace and peace to happen?

How can knowing God multiply grace and peace?

Is there any difference between the knowledge of God and the knowledge of Jesus our Lord?

Why does Peter make that distinction?

Then try to bring together what you have learned.

What is the main purpose of the verse?

What other things have you learned from it?