

TRUE WORDS DEVELOP BELIEVERS

Introduction: Peter helped the believers overcome persecution in his first letter. He helped believers overcome false teaching and scoffers in this letter, which was a more difficult problem. Persecution purifies believers while false teaching corrupts them. Persecution attackers come from without the church, but false teachers come from within the church. False teachers cannot be ignored; they must be defeated by the truth. "Knowledge" of the truth in Jesus Christ is the key to overcome false teachers.

Lesson Aim: Stimulate believers to grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ throughout their lives.

Verse: "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 3:18).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Faith for Developing the Christian Life — 1:1-4**

1. How are grace and peace multiplied to believers? 1:2
2. Name two things that the knowledge God gives to believers? 1:3
3. How are believers able to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust? 1:4

II. Fruit from a Developed Christian Life — 1:5-11

4. What are the seven steps of growth that a believer should take after faith in Christ? 1:5-7
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
5. What blessings can believers expect that take these seven steps for growth?
1:8 - _____
1:10 - _____
1:11 - _____
6. What can believers expect, if these steps for growth are not taken? 1:9

III. Facts for the Development of a Christian Life — 1:12-21

7. What did Peter say about himself that made him stir up the memories of the believers? 1:13-15
8. What proof did Peter give to show that his preaching about Jesus Christ was true? 1:16
9. What did Peter see and hear of the majesty of Jesus Christ? 1:17-18; Lk 9:28-32
See - _____
Hear - _____
10. What was Peter referring to when he spoke of a "dark place"? 1:19
11. How do false teachers interpret the Scriptures? 1:20
12. Peter said that prophecy did not come by the _____ of man, but _____ men of God spoke and recorded God's word as they were _____ by the _____. 1:21