

**The Gift of Christ**  
**2 Peter 1:1-4**

**1. Jesus is Lord (v.1).**

*Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:*

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*

*John 12:26 (ESV)*

*Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

*Psalms 100:2 (ESV)*

**2. Jesus made us acceptable to God (v.1).**

*Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:*

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21(ESV)*

*Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*

*1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)*

**3. Jesus is the source of grace and peace (v.2).**

*May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

*and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

*Romans 3:24 (ESV)*

*to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,*  
*Ephesians 1:6-7 (ESV)*

**4. Jesus is the source of life (v.3).**

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,*

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

*2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)*

*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

*John 5:24 (ESV)*

**5. Jesus is the source of divine nature (v.4).**

*by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.*

*1 John 5:1 (ESV)*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)*