

Trinitarian bias influences translators to render the first verse of this short letter in a way that makes it appear as though Jesus is Almighty God. For example, **“by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1 ESV)**. However, the verse is more accurately translated as:



Is Jesus Christ Almighty God in 2 Peter?

“Through the justice of our God and of our savior Jesus the Anointed” (2 Peter 1:1 Hart)

“Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ: To those to whom there has been allotted the same precious faith as that which is ours through the righteousness of our God and of our Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1 Weymouth).

“Through the righteousness of our God and the savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1 NAB ftn).

“Through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1 KJV)

“Through the righteousness of our God and the Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1 NRSV ftn). Almighty God and Jesus Christ are thus clearly presented as distinct and separate in these three accurate translations. Notice how this so in the very next verse:

“Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord” (2 Peter 1:2 NIV).

“We told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power . . . He received honor and glory from God the Father . . . saying ‘This is my Son’ (2 Peter 1:16,17 NIV). Jesus “received honor and glory from God the Father”, and Jesus is called “my Son” by “God the Father”. You can’t receive something from yourself, and, by definition, “Son” and “Father” cannot be the same person.

“Human beings moved by the holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God” (2 Peter 1:21 NAB). Trinitarians assert that the holy Spirit is a person. However, the definite article “the” is not the way a person is described. Without the holy Spirit being a person, the Trinity doctrine collapses.

In 2 Peter, where God and Jesus are mentioned together, they are clearly separate and distinct, which ‘demolishes’ the Trinity ‘stronghold’ (2 Corinthians 10:4 NIV).