

2 Peter

1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ:

1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

1:3 According as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue:

1:4 By which are given to us exceedingly great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1:5 And beside this, make every effort, to add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

1:6 And to knowledge self-control; and to self-control patience; and to patience godliness;

1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love.

1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you will neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:9 But he that lacks these things is blind, and can't see far off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

1:10 Therefore instead, brothers, make every effort to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you will never fall:

1:11 For so an entrance will be ministered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1:12 Therefore I be not negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though you know them, and are about to be established in the present truth.

1:13 Yes, I think it suitable, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, just as our Lord Jesus Christ has showed me.

1:15 Moreover, I will endeavor that you may be able after my departure to have these things always in remembrance.

1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

1:17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

1:18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where you do well to pay attention, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the morning star rises in your hearts:

1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation.

1:21 For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who secretly will bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2:2 And many will follow their shameful ways; by reason of who the way of truth will be spoken of as evil.

2:3 And through covetousness will they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingers not, and their damnation slumbers not.

2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to tartarus, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved to judgment;

2:5 And spared not the ancient world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example to those that after are about to live ungodly;

2:7 And delivered just Lot, distressed with the filthy conduct of the wicked:

2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, distressed his righteous soul daily with their unlawful deeds)

2:9 The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust to the day of judgment to be punished:

2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

2:11 Where as angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not slanderous accusation against them before the Lord.

2:12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and will utterly perish in their own corruption;

2:13 And will receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to carouse in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, pleasing themselves with their own deceiving while they feast with you;

2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that can't stop from sin; beguiling unstable souls: a heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

2:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

2:16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb donkey speaking with man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to who the mist of darkness is reserved forever.

2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

2:19 While they promise them freedom, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for by whom a man is overcome, by the same is he brought into bondage.

2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in it, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

2:21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2:22 But it is happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog returns to his own vomit; and the pig that was washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud.

3:1 This second letter, beloved, I now write to you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

3:2 That you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior:

3:3 Knowing this first, that there will come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

3:6 In which world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved for fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one days with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day.

3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the principles will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are in it will be burned up.

3:11 Seeing then that all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conduct and godliness,

3:12 Looking for and hasting to the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved, and the principles will melt with fervent heat?

3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, in which dwells righteousness.

3:14 Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found by Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

3:15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given to him has written to you;

3:16 As also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to understand, which they that are unlearned and unstable distort, as they do also the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

3:17 You therefore, beloved, seeing you know these things before, beware unless you also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him is glory both now and forever. Amen.