

The Second Epistle of the Apostle **PETER**

2 Peter 1

1 Confirming them in hope of the increase of God's graces, 5 he encourages them, by faith and good works, to make their calling sure 16 and warns them to be constant in the faith of Christ.

1 ¶ Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to the *ones* equally precious with us, having obtained faith in *the* righteousness of our God and our Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you, and peace be multiplied by a full knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

3 As His divine power having given as a gift to us all things *pertaining* to life and godliness through the full knowledge of the *One* calling us through glory and virtue,

4 through which have been given as a gift to us the very great and precious promises, so that through these we might become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped from the corruption in *the* world by lust.

5 ¶ But also in this very thing having brought in all diligence, fully supply in your faith virtue, and with virtue knowledge,

6 and with the knowledge self-control, and with the self-control patience, and with the patience godliness,

7 and with the godliness brotherly love, and with brotherly love, love.

8 For these things being in you, and abounding, *they will* place you so as not to be idle, not unfruitful into the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For the one in whom these things are not present is blind, being shortsighted, receiving forgetfulness of the cleansing of his sins in time past.

10 Therefore, brothers, rather be diligent to make sure of your calling and election; for doing these things, you will not stumble into sin, not ever!

11 For so will be richly furnished to you

the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

12 ¶ Therefore I will not neglect to cause you to remember always concerning these *things*, though you know and have been confirmed in the present truth.

13 But I deem *it* right, so long as I am in this tabernacle, to arouse you by a reminder,

14 knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle is soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

15 And I will also be diligent to cause you always to have memory of these things after my departure.

16 ¶ For not following fables having been cleverly devised, but having become eye-witnesses of the majesty of that *One*, Jesus Christ, we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord.

17 For receiving honor and glory from God *the* Father such a voice being borne to Him from the Magnificent Glory, "This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I was well-pleased," *Psa. 2:7; Gen. 22:2; Isa. 42:1; Matt. 17:5*

18 even we heard this voice being borne out of Heaven, being with Him in the holy mountain,

19 ¶ and we have the more established prophetic Word, in which you do well to pay attention, as to a lamp shining in a murky place, until day dawns and the light-bearing *One* rises in your hearts;

20 knowing this first, that every prophecy of Scripture did not come into being of *its* own interpretation;

21 for prophecy was not at any time borne by *the* will of man, but being borne along by *the* Holy Spirit, holy men of God spoke.

2 Peter 2

He foretells of false teachers, showing the impiety and punishment both of them and their followers.

1 ¶ But *there* also came to be false prophets among the people, as also among you will

be false teachers who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the *One* having bought them, the Master, bringing swift destruction on themselves.

2 And many will follow their destructive ways, through whom the way of truth will be evil spoken of.

3 ¶ And by covetousness, with feigned words, they will use you for gain, for whom judgment of old does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber.

4 For if God did not spare sinning angels, but giving *them* over to chains of darkness, thrust them down into Tartarus, having been kept to judgment;

5 and did not spare *the* ancient world, but protected Noah *the* eighth, a herald of righteousness, bringing a flood on a world of ungodly *ones*;

6 and covering the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with ashes, *He* condemned *them* with an overthrow, setting an example to men intending to live ungodly.

7 ¶ And He delivered righteous Lot, who had been oppressed by the behavior of lawless *ones* in unbridled lusts.

8 For that righteous *one* living among them day after day, in seeing and in hearing, *his* righteous soul *was* tormented with *their* lawless works.

9 *But the* Lord knows to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unjust for a day of judgment, being punished,

10 ¶ and most of all the *ones* going after flesh in *the* lust of defilement, and despising rulership, darers, self-pleasing; they do not tremble *at* glories, blaspheming;

11 where angels, being greater in strength and power, do not bring against them a blasphemous charge before *the* Lord.

12 But these as unreasoning natural beasts, having been born for capture and corruption, blaspheming in that *of* which they are ignorant, they shall utterly perish in their corruption,

13 receiving *the* wages of unrighteousness, deeming luxuriousness in the day *to be* pleasure; *they are* spots and blemishes, reveling *in* their deceptions, feasting together with you,

14 having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing from sin; alluring unstable

souls; having a heart being busied *with* covetousness; cursed children;

15 forsaking the straight way, they went astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved *the* wages of unrighteousness,

16 but had reproof of *his* own lawlessness, the voiceless ass speaking in a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These are springs without water, clouds being driven by tempest, for whom the blackness of darkness has been kept to *the* ages.

18 For speaking great swollen-over *words* of vanity, by *the* lusts of the flesh, by unbridled lusts, they allure the *ones* indeed escaping, the *ones* walking in error,

19 promising to them freedom, *though* themselves being slaves of corruption; for by whom anyone has been overcome, even to this *one* he has been enslaved.

20 For if by a recognition of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, having escaped the defilements of the world, and again being entangled *they* are overcome by these, *then* the last things of them have become worse *than* the first.

21 For it was better for them not to have fully known the way of righteousness than fully knowing *it* to turn from the holy commandment having been given over to them.

22 *But the* word of the true proverb has happened to them: "*The* dog turning back to *his* own vomit;" also, *the* sow being washed *returns* to a wallowing in mud. *Prov. 26:11*

2 Peter 3

1 He assures them of the certainty of Christ's coming for judgment, 8 warning the godly, for the long patience of God, to hasten their repentance.

1 ¶ Beloved *ones*, I now write to you this second epistle, in which I stir up your pure mind in a reminder

2 to remember the words having been spoken previously by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior by us, the apostles;

3 ¶ first, knowing this, that during *the* last days scoffers will come, going on according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For from which *time the* fathers fell asleep, all things remain so from *the* beginning of creation.

5 For this escapes their notice *by their* willing *it so*, that heavens were of old, and earth by water, and through water, subsisting by the Word of God,

6 through which the world which then was, being flooded by water, perished.

7 But the heavens and the earth now, being stored up by the same Word, are being kept for fire to a day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 ¶ But let not this one *thing* escape your notice, beloved *ones*, that one day with *the* Lord *is* “as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” *Psa. 90:4*

9 ¶ The Lord of the promise is not slow, as some deem slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not purposing any to perish, but all to turn one’s self to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in *the* night, in which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and being burning up *the* elements will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be burned up.

11 ¶ Therefore, all these *things* being *about* to be dissolved, *of* what sort ought you to be in holy behavior and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of God, through which *the* heavens being set on fire will be dissolved; and *the* elements being burned up?

13 But according to His promise, we look for “new heavens and a new earth,” in which righteousness dwells. *Isa. 65:17*

14 Therefore, beloved *ones*, looking for these things, be diligent, spotless, and without blemish, to be found in peace by Him.

15 And think of the long-suffering of our Lord *as* salvation, as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom having been given to him;

16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the unlearned and unstable pervert, as also *they do* the rest of the Scriptures, to *their* own destruction.

17 Therefore, beloved *ones*, you knowing beforehand, be on guard lest being led away by the error of the lawless *ones* you fall from *your* own firmness.

18 But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to *the* day of eternity. Amen.