

Second Peter

Second General Epistle of Peter

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Great and precious promises to those who know Christ--Cultivate the best gifts to make your calling sure--Warning to be constant in the faith of Christ--Heed prophecy

2Pet 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:

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

2Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue,

2Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Pet 1:5 And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge;

2Pet 1:6 And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness;

2Pet 1:7 And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.

2Pet 1:8 For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Pet 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

2Pet 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall;

2Pet 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2Pet 1:12 Wherefore, I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

2Pet 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

2Pet 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me.

2Pet 1:15 Moreover, I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

2Pet 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2Pet 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.

2Pet 1:18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard when we were with him in the holy mount.

2Pet 1:19 We have, therefore, a more sure knowledge of the word of prophecy, to which word of prophecy ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light which shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the daystar arise in your hearts,

2Pet 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is given of any private will of man.

2Pet 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

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Peter foretells of false teachers--Warns of consequences of wrongdoing

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

2Pet 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2Pet 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you, whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not.

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

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

2Pet 2:6 And, turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly,

2Pet 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked,

2Pet 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds),

2Pet 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished,

2Pet 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.

2Pet 2:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

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

2Pet 2:13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you,

2Pet 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, beguiling unstable souls, a heart they have exercised with covetous practices, cursed children,

2Pet 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,

2Pet 2:16 But was rebuked for his iniquity; the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet.

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

2Pet 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.

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

2Pet 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 therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

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

2Pet 2:22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb: The dog is turned to his own vomit again, and, The sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire.

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Promise of Christ's coming--Earth and corruptible things to be destroyed--Exhortation to righteousness and endurance

2Pet 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you, in which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

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

2Pet 3:3 Knowing this first, that in the last days there shall come scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pet 3:4 Denying the Lord Jesus Christ, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things must continue as they are and have continued as they are from the beginning of the creation.

2Pet 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of: that of old the heavens and the earth standing in the water and out of the water were created by the word of God;

2Pet 3:6 And by the word of God, the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished;

2Pet 3:7 But the heavens and the earth which are now are kept in store by the same word, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2Pet 3:8 But concerning the coming of the Lord, beloved, I would not have you ignorant of this one thing--that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.

2Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise and coming, as some men count slackness, but long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall shake, and the earth also shall tremble, and the mountains shall melt and pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be filled with fervent heat; the earth also shall be filled, and the corruptible works which are therein shall be burned up.

2Pet 3:11 If, then, all these things shall be destroyed, what manner of persons ought ye to be in holy conduct and godliness,

2Pet 3:12 Looking unto and preparing for the day of the coming of the Lord, wherein the corruptible things of the heavens, being on fire, shall be dissolved, and the mountains shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pet 3:13 Nevertheless, if we shall endure, we shall be kept according to his promise. And we look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2Pet 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent, that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless,

2Pet 3:15 And account--even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you--the long-suffering and waiting of our Lord for salvation.

2Pet 3:16 (As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to be understood, which they who are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.)

2Pet 3:17 Ye, therefore, beloved, seeing ye know before the things which are coming, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

2Pet 3:18 But grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.