

SECOND PETER

1:1 Simeon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to the *ones* having received an equally-precious faith with us by-means-of the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: **2**May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

Because of All That God Has Given Us, Diligently Add To Your Faith These God-Like Qualities

3Because-of His divine power having granted us **all things** pertaining-to life and godliness through the knowledge of the *One* having called us by His own glory and virtue, **4**through which *qualities* He has granted us the precious and greatest *things*-promised in order that through these you might become sharers of the divine nature, having escaped-from the corruption in the world by *evil* desire; **5**and indeed for this very *reason you* having applied all diligence— in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue, knowledge; **6**and in your knowledge, self-control; and in your self-control, endurance; and in your endurance, godliness; **7**and in your godliness, brotherly-love; and in your brotherly-love, love.

These Qualities Make You Useful And Fruitful

8For these *qualities* being-present in you and increasing make you neither useless nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**For the *one* in whom these *qualities* are not present is blind, being shortsighted, having forgotten the purification of his former sins.

So Be Diligent To Make Your Calling And Election Firm

10Therefore brothers, be **more** diligent to be making your calling and election firm. For while doing these *things* you will by no means ever stumble. **11**For in this manner the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to you.

I Will Always Be Reminding You of These Things As Long As I Live

12Therefore, I will-certainly always be reminding you about these *things*, even though you are *ones* knowing and having been established in the truth being present with you. **13**And I regard it right for as long as I am in this [bodily] tent to be arousing you with a reminder, **14**knowing that the putting-off of my [bodily] tent is imminent, just as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ made-clear to me. **15**And I will also be diligent that at-any-time after my departure, you may have the ability to produce the memory of these *things*.

For We Were Eyewitnesses of Christ's Majesty And Glory

16For we made-known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ— not having followed-after cleverly-devised myths, but having been made eyewitnesses of the majesty of that *One*. **17**For He having received from God the Father the honor and glory of such a voice having been carried to Him by the Majestic Glory— “This is My Son, My Beloved, in Whom I was well-pleased”— **18**we ourselves also heard this voice having been carried out of heaven, being with Him on the holy mountain.

And We Have God's Prophetic Word More Firm

19And we have the prophetic word as more-firm, to which you are doing well to be paying-attention as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until which time the day dawns and the morning-star rises in your hearts, **20**knowing this first— that no prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation. **21**For no prophecy was ever carried by the will of a human, but people being carried by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

And There Will Be False Teachers Among You, Exploiting You

2:1 But false-prophets also came among the people, as there will also be false-teachers among you who will secretly-bring-in heresies of destruction— even denying the Master having bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. **2**And many will follow-after their sensualities, because of whom the way of the truth will be blasphemed. **3**And in greed they will exploit you with fabricated words, for whom the judgment from-long-ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

God Will Reserve Them For Punishment And Protect The Righteous

4For if God did not spare angels having sinned but handed-them-over to chains of gloom, having cast-them-into-hell, being reserved for judgment; **5**and He did not spare the ancient world but protected the eighth one, Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, having brought a flood upon the world of ungodly ones; **6**and He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, having reduced-them-to-ashes by an overthrow, having made them an example of things coming to ungodly ones; **7**and He delivered Lot, a righteous one being oppressed by the conduct of the lawless ones in connection with sensuality (**8**for by sight and hearing the righteous one dwelling among them day after day was tormenting his righteous soul with their lawless works)— **9**then the Lord knows-how to deliver godly ones from a trial and reserve unrighteous ones for the day of judgment while being punished, **10**and especially the ones proceeding after the flesh in a lust for defilement, and despising authority.

They Are Self-Willed Slaves of Corruption Speaking Against The Things of God

Daring, self-willed *ones*— they do not tremble while blaspheming glories, ¹¹where angels being greater *in* strength and power do not bring a blasphemous judgment against them from *the* Lord. ¹²But these *ones are* like unreasoning animals having been born *as creatures*-of-instinct for capture and destruction. While blaspheming in *things* which they are ignorant, they will also be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³being wronged *as the wages of wrong-doing*. Regarding the reveling during *the day to be a pleasure*, *they are spots and blemishes* reveling in their deceptions while feasting-with you, ¹⁴having eyes full *of an adulteress* and restless *of sin*, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained *in greed*. Children *of a curse!*— ¹⁵leaving-behind *the* straight way, they went-astray, having followed-after the way *of Balaam the son of Bosor*, who loved *the wages of wrong-doing*. ¹⁶But he had a rebuke *of his own law-violation*: a speechless donkey having uttered in *the voice of a human* restrained the madness *of the prophet*. ¹⁷These *ones are* waterless springs, and mists being driven by a storm, *for whom the gloom of the darkness* has been reserved. ¹⁸For while uttering pompous *words of futility*, they entice by *the desires of the flesh*, *by sensualities*, the *ones* barely escaping-from the *ones* living in error, ¹⁹promising them freedom, themselves being slaves *of corruption*. For *by* what one has been defeated, *by* this he has been enslaved.

Their Slavery Now Is Worse Than Ever

²⁰For if— having escaped-from the defilements *of the world* by *the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*, and again having been entangled *by these things*— they are defeated, *then* the last *state* has become worse *for them than* the first. ²¹For it *would be better for them* not to have known *the way of righteousness* than having known, to turn-back from the holy commandment having been delivered *to them*. ²²The *thing* of the true proverb has happened *to them*— “*The dog having returned to its own vomit*”, and, “*The sow having washed herself returns to a wallowing of the mire*”.

Beloved, Remember That People Will Come Mocking Christ's Future Coming

3:1 Beloved, I am now writing this second letter *to you*, in which *letters* I am arousing your pure mind with a reminder ²to remember the words having been spoken-beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment *of the Lord and Savior from your apostles*, ³knowing this first— that mockers will come with mocking in *the last days*, proceeding in accordance with their own desires, ⁴and saying “Where is the promise *of His coming*? For from which *day* the fathers fell-asleep, everything is continuing in-this-manner from *the beginning of creation*”.

But God Has Destroyed The Ungodly Before, And He Will Do So Again

⁵For this escapes-notice-of those *who are* willing— that *by* the word *of God* there were heavens from-long-ago, and *an earth* having existence out of water and by water, ⁶through which the world at that time was destroyed, having been flooded *with water*. ⁷And *by* the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored-up *for fire*, being reserved for *the day of the judgment and destruction of ungodly people*.

He Is Being Patient Now, But The Day of Destruction Will Come Like a Thief

⁸But do not let this one *thing* be escaping your notice, beloved— that one day with *the Lord is* like a thousand years, and a thousand years *is* like one day. ⁹*The Lord* is not being slow *about* the promise as some regard slowness, but He is being patient toward you, not wishing any to perish, but all to make-room for repentance. ¹⁰But *the day of the Lord* will come like a thief— during which the heavens will pass-away with-a-roar, and *the elements* will be destroyed while burning, and *the earth and the works in it* will be found. ¹¹All these *things* thus being destroyed, what-kind-of *people* ought you to be in holy behaviors and *acts of godliness*, ¹²looking-for and hastening the coming *of the day of God*, because of which *the heavens* will be destroyed, being set-on-fire, and *the elements* are melted while burning. ¹³But in accordance with His promise we are looking-for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

So Be Diligent To Be Unspotted And Unblemished In This Day of Salvation

¹⁴Therefore beloved, while looking-for these *things*, be diligent to be found unspotted and unblemished *by Him*, in peace. ¹⁵And be regarding the patience *of our Lord to be salvation*, just as also our beloved brother Paul wrote *to you* according-to the wisdom having been given *to him*, ¹⁶as also *he writes* in all *his letters*, speaking in them concerning these *things*, in which *letters* are some *things* hard-to-understand which the untaught and unstable twist— as also the other Scriptures— to their own destruction.

Beloved, Be Guarding Yourselves And Growing In Christ

¹⁷**You** therefore, beloved, knowing-*this-beforehand*, be guarding *yourselves* in order that you may not fall-from *your own steadfastness*, having been carried-away-by the error *of the lawless ones*. ¹⁸And be growing in *the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*. *To Him be the glory both now, and to the day of eternity*. Amen.