



The **Second** Letter of

PETER

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2 Peter - Chapter 1:1-8

1- Simon Peter, servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith as precious as our own, given through the saving justice of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2- Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of our Lord.

3- By his divine power, he has lavished on us all the things we need for life and for true devotion, through the knowledge of him who has called us by his own glory and goodness.

4- Through these, the greatest and priceless promises have been lavished on us, that through them you should share the divine nature and escape the corruption rife in the world through disordered passion.

5- With this in view, do your utmost to support your faith with goodness, goodness with understanding,

6- understanding with self-control, self-control with perseverance, perseverance with devotion,

7- devotion with kindness to the brothers, and kindness to the brothers with love.

8- The possession and growth of these qualities will prevent your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ from being ineffectual or unproductive.

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2 Peter - Chapter 1:9-16

9- But without them, a person is blind or short-sighted, forgetting how the sins of the past were washed away.

10- Instead of this, brothers, never allow your choice or calling to waver; then there will be no danger of your stumbling,

11- for in this way you will be given the generous gift of entry to the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12- That is why I will always go on recalling the same truths to you, even though you already know them and are firmly fixed in these truths.

13- I am sure it is my duty, as long as I am in this tent, to keep stirring you up with reminders,

14- since I know the time for me to lay aside this tent is coming soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

15- And I shall take great care that after my own departure you will still have a means to recall these things to mind.

16- When we told you about the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we were not slavishly repeating cleverly invented myths; no, we had seen his majesty with our own eyes.

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2 Peter - Chapter 1:17-21

17- He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when a voice came to him from the transcendent Glory, This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.

18- We ourselves heard this voice from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

19- So we have confirmation of the words of the prophets; and you will be right to pay attention to it as to a lamp for lighting a way through the dark, until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

20- At the same time, we must recognise that the interpretation of scriptural prophecy is never a matter for the individual.

21- For no prophecy ever came from human initiative. When people spoke for God it was the Holy Spirit that moved them.

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2 Peter - Chapter 2:1-7

1- As there were false prophets in the past history of our people, so you too will have your false teachers, who will insinuate their own disruptive views and, by disowning the Lord who bought them freedom, will bring upon themselves speedy destruction.

2- Many will copy their debauched behaviour, and the Way of Truth will be brought into disrepute on their account.

3- In their greed they will try to make a profit out of you with untrue tales. But the judgement made upon them long ago is not idle, and the destruction awaiting them is for ever on the watch.

4- When angels sinned, God did not spare them: he sent them down into the underworld and consigned them to the dark abyss to be held there until the Judgement.

5- He did not spare the world in ancient times: he saved only Noah, the preacher of uprightness, along with seven others, when he sent the Flood over a world of sinners.

6- He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by reducing them to ashes as a warning to future sinners;

7- but rescued Lot, an upright man who had been sickened by the debauched way in which these vile people behaved-

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2 Peter - Chapter 2:8-14

8- for that upright man, living among them, was outraged in his upright soul by the crimes that he saw and heard every day.

9- All this shows that the Lord is well able to rescue the good from their trials, and hold the wicked for their punishment until the Day of Judgement,

10- especially those who follow the desires of their corrupt human nature and have no respect for the Lord's authority. Such self-willed people with no reverence are not afraid of offending against the glorious ones,

11- but the angels in their greater strength and power make no complaint or accusation against them in the Lord's presence.

12- But these people speak evil of what they do not understand; they are like brute beasts, born only to be caught and killed, and like beasts they will be destroyed, being injured in return for the injuries they have inflicted.

13- Debauchery even by day they make their pleasure; they are unsightly blots, and amuse themselves by their trickery even when they are sharing your table;

14- with their eyes always looking for adultery, people with an insatiable capacity for sinning, they will seduce any but the most stable soul. Where greed is concerned they are at their peak of fitness. They are under a curse.

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2 Peter - Chapter 2:15-22

15- They have left the right path and wandered off to follow the path of Balaam son of Bosor, who set his heart on a dishonest reward, but soon had his fault pointed out to him:

16- a dumb beast of burden, speaking with a human voice, put a stop to the madness of the prophet.

17- People like this are dried-up springs, fogs swirling in the wind, and the gloom of darkness is stored up for them.

18- With their high-sounding but empty talk they tempt back people who have scarcely escaped from those who live in error, by playing on the disordered desires of their human nature and by debaucheries.

19- They may promise freedom but are themselves slaves to corruption; because if anyone lets himself be dominated by anything, then he is a slave to it;

20- and anyone who has escaped the pollution of the world by coming to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and who then allows himself to be entangled and mastered by it a second time, ends up by being worse than he was before.

21- It would have been better for them never to have learnt the way of uprightness, than to learn it and then desert the holy commandment that was entrusted to them.

22- What they have done is exactly as the proverb rightly says: The dog goes back to its vomit and: As soon as the sow has been washed, it wallows in the mud.

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2 Peter - Chapter 3:1-8

1- My dear friends, this is the second letter I have written to you, trying to awaken in you by my reminders an unclouded understanding.

2- Remember what was said in the past by the holy prophets and the command of the Lord and Saviour given by your apostles.

3- First of all, do not forget that in the final days there will come sarcastic scoffers whose life is ruled by their passions.

4- 'What has happened to the promise of his coming?' they will say, 'Since our Fathers died everything has gone on just as it has since the beginning of creation!'

5- They deliberately ignore the fact that long ago there were the heavens and the earth, formed out of water and through water by the Word of God,

6- and that it was through these same factors that the world of those days was destroyed by the floodwaters.

7- It is the same Word which is reserving the present heavens and earth for fire, keeping them till the Day of Judgement and of the destruction of sinners.

8- But there is one thing, my dear friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

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2 Peter - Chapter 3:9-15

9- The Lord is not being slow in carrying out his promises, as some people think he is; rather is he being patient with you, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to repentance.

10- The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and melt away, the earth and all that it contains will be burned up.

11- Since everything is coming to an end like this, what holy and saintly lives you should be living

12- while you wait for the Day of God to come, and try to hasten its coming: on that Day the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.

13- What we are waiting for, relying on his promises, is the new heavens and new earth, where uprightness will be at home.

14- So then, my dear friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live blameless and unsullied lives so that he will find you at peace.

15- Think of our Lord's patience as your opportunity to be saved; our brother Paul, who is so dear to us, told you this when he wrote to you with the wisdom that he was given.

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2 Peter - Chapter 3:16-18

16- He makes this point too in his letters as a whole wherever he touches on these things. In all his letters there are of course some passages which are hard to understand, and these are the ones that uneducated and unbalanced people distort, in the same way as they distort the rest of scripture--to their own destruction.

17- Since you have been forewarned about this, my dear friends, be careful that you do not come to the point of losing the firm ground that you are standing on, carried away by the errors of unprincipled people.

18- Instead, continue to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory, in time and eternity. Amen.

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