

*The Second Epistle of*

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# Chapter 1

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant (*who willingly belongs to*) and is an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those that (*share with us in His life*) having obtained an equally precious faith through (*the revelation of*) the justice of God (*to give us His blessing and life as a gift*) and (*who has served us with that life through*) our Savior Jesus Christ:

2 (*His*) grace and peace are multiplied to you through the knowledge of God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord (*to whom belongs all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*),

3 (*Who has*) accordingly through His own divine power and ability given to us all things that pertain to (*us experiencing the substance of His*) life and Godlikeness, (*which comes*) through the knowledge of Him (*revealed in the faith of Jesus Christ*) in which He has called us (*through the spirit of faith*) to (*the same*) glory and virtue:

4 And through (*this faith*) is given to us (*the sure hope of these*) magnificent and precious promises (*surpassing all that we could ask or think*): so that by these you might share in the life and nature of God and having (*your flesh put to rest by His life*) you will escape the corruption that is contained in the world through (*the*) lust (*to bring forth life by your flesh*).

5 And for this reason, give all diligence (*to hearken*) to this faith (*which lavishly supplies*) you with (*His goodness and*) virtue, and (*along with*) virtue knowledge;

6 And (*along with*) knowledge self-control; and (*along with*) self-control patience; and (*along with*) patience Godlikeness.

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7 And (*along with*) Godlikeness brotherly kindness and (*along with*) brotherly kindness love.

8 Because if these things (*which are contained in the faith of Jesus Christ*) be (*born*) in you (*by hearkening to this faith*), and (*abide and*) abound (*in your heart*), they (*will*) make you so that you will not be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But the one who lacks these things is blind (*not hearkening diligently to the faith revealed in Jesus Christ*), and (*therefore*) cannot see very far off, and has (*quickly*) forgotten that he was purged from (*the bondage of*) death wherein he formerly labored in vain for life.

10 Therefore brethren, give all diligence (*to listen closely and keep hearing*) the faith (*of Jesus Christ*) to make your calling unto the life that He has chosen you for (*from the beginning*) a certainty (*in your heart*): because if you do this (*one thing*) you will (*in no way*) ever fall:

11 Because in this (*faith*) has (*He has given to you*) the way that keeps you and has served you abundantly with His life, unto the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

12 Therefore, I will always be ready (*and constantly*) remind you of all these things, even though you (*might already*) know them, (*lest you forget*) and (*so that you would*) be established (*and strengthened*) by this present truth (*abiding in you*).

13 Yes, I esteem (*this faith as the thing that will form His life in us*) so that as long as I am in this body, I will stir you up (*constantly*) by putting you in remembrance;

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14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this body, indeed as the Lord Jesus has shown me.

15 Now therefore I will be diligent (*with the faith*) so that after I am gone, you might (*always*) have these things in your remembrance.

16 For we have not followed (*after nor are we repeating someone else's*) cleverly devised tales, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of His (*glory and*) majesty.

17 For He received from God the Father, honor and glory, when (*we heard with our own ears*) a voice that came and spoke to Him from (*out of the clouds*) full of (*glory and*) majesty saying, this is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice that came from heaven we heard when we were with Him in the holy mountain.

19 We also have a more sure word of prophecy (*contained in the faith of Jesus Christ that came out of the grave in immortal flesh*); wherein it would do you all well that you take heed (*and hearken diligently to*), as you would to a light that shines in a dark place (*for He is the light unto our feet and the lamp unto our way*), (*He shines*) until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that there is no prophecy of the scripture that is of any private interpretation (*but all are speaking about Christ, the word that has been now made immortal flesh, He is the full counsel of God*).

21 Because the prophecy that came in times past (*through the law and the prophets*), came not by the will of man: but through men who were ordained to speak

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the oracles of God, who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (*the things concerning Christ, the word now made immortal flesh in the resurrection*).

# Chapter 2

1 However, there were false prophets also among the people (*in those days*), just as there will be false teachers among you (*today*), who will deceitfully bring in destructive and erroneous doctrines (*outside of Christ, the word made immortal flesh and filled with their own private interpretations*), denying indeed the Lord that bought them, and (*who*) bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow after their (*deceitful and*) destructive ways, through whom the way of the truth will be maligned (*and spoken disparagingly*).

3 And through their greedy desire for gain (*and unbridled lust for life through the strength contained in their flesh*) will they with carefully crafted words (*that suit their own vain imaginations*) make merchandise of you (*for their own personal gain*): who even now (*bring*) judgment (*upon themselves, seeing they have set themselves against the judgment of God unto life*), and (*having a heart contrary to that judgment, their own hearts are actively*) condemning them to destruction.

4 Because if (*the judgment of*) God (*against death and its corrupt wisdom*) did not spare the angels that left their original design (*to be messengers of the way that leads men to destruction*), but cast them out from heaven, delivering them into the pits of darkness, to be kept unto (*the day of*) judgment;

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5 And spared not the old world (*filled with labor and anguish*) but saved Noah and eight other persons (*from it*), (*Noah being*) a preacher of the everlasting kindness of God toward men to preserve their lives, (*saving them by*) bringing in the flood upon the world (*that was serving men with death*) and (*where*) those who considered themselves unworthy, (*rejected*) God's judgment to preserve their lives, perished (*in the flood*).

6 And (*similarly by*) turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, has He judged and purposed to destroy all that which brings suffering and is against men's lives, setting (*this as*) an example to those that should afterward disregard the (*incorruptible*) life that God (*freely*) gives in exchange for the (*corruptible*) life (*they can give themselves*) that perishes in death;

7 But (*He*) delivered Lot who was just (*in revering and trusting God to preserve his life*), (*despite being continually*) distressed by and exposed to their unrestrained lust for life through their (*sensually*), being animated by every desire contained in their flesh (*to do many things which are vile and*) wicked, (*He rescued and preserved his life*):

8 Because (*even being a*) just man (*who trusted and revered God*) was he tormented in his mind and emotions, being among them, seeing and hearing from day to day the deeds of those who transgress God's way unto life (*for their own way*);

9 The Lord knows (*the heart of*) those who place their trust in Him, to deliver them (*from*) out of affliction (*and death*), and (*is longsuffering*) to reserve (*His judgment against the way that perishes in death*) in those who refuse to be persuaded, until the day of judgment (*seeing as they store up for themselves the same end*):

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10 Especially (*the way of the serpent*) in those who walk in their own lust (*for life through the strength contain in their flesh*), who defile themselves and despise authority. They are blatantly self-willed and are not afraid (*but quick*) to speak slanderously against those (*who God has deemed as valuable and*) are worthy of His good opinion.

11 Whereas (*even the*) angels, who are (*presently*) greater in strength and power (*than them*), dare not to bring a harsh accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these (*men*), have been (*marked by the beast*) and are like wild beasts (*who lack any rational thought*) but are made for capture and destruction, who speak insultingly of things that they do not even understand; and will utterly perish in their own corruption (*and destruction which they have stored up for themselves*);

13 And (*they*) will receive the reward (*which the*) injustice (*of exchanging the incorruptible life which God freely gives for the corruptible life they can give themselves pays with*), as they currently think it satisfying (*to their flesh*) to openly live in excess and from every sensual desire, they are (*like*) spots and blemishes (*on a pure garment*) who take delight in their own deception, even while they eat together with you;

14 Having eyes (*filled*) full of (*spiritual*) adultery (*which is idolatry, where they are always looking to anything but God to serve them with a good life in the world*), and (*because they can never find satisfaction or rest in anything but God*) they cannot ever cease from lusting after the corruptible life they can serve themselves with through their flesh; enticing the souls of those who are not yet established (*in Christ*): with a heart (*filled with what they can gather to themselves*) have they exercised it in lustful ways; (*whereby they make themselves like*)

children who are still under the curse of death (*seeing as they continue in that cursed life*):

15 Which have forsaken the right way (*unto life*) and have gone out of the way (*that brings life, peace and rest*), following after the way of Ba'laam the son of Bo'sor (*and his greedy desire for gain*), who loved the wages of that cursed life (*that perishes more than the gift of God's incorruptible life*);

16 But (*who*) was rebuked for the iniquity in his heart (*which was a heart persuasion that disregarded God's blessing and life as a gift*): and who was spoken to by a donkey in a man's voice (*correcting and*) forbidding the insanity of the prophet.

17 These (*men*) are (*like empty*) wells without water, (*and unstable*) clouds that are tossed by the wind (*without rest*); to whom (*heap to themselves destruction and*) the certainty of the blackness of darkness forever

18 For when they speak their arrogant (*but*) worthless words (*void of any power to quicken one to life*), they entice (*other men's*) desire for life through the strength contained in their flesh, (*appealing to*) their excessive sensual desires, and these men who having previously (*seen there was freedom in Christ*), fled from, escaping (*the corruption in the world*) and those who were living in (*this*) error (*that leads to destruction*).

19 While they promise them freedom, they themselves are (*still*) slaves to (*the*) corruption (*and death in the world*): because whatever a man is overcome by, the same is he brought in bondage.

20 Because if after they have escaped the corruption in the world (*that caused them to labor for life through the strength contained in their flesh*) through the knowledge

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that the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (*has conquered their death in the flesh in the resurrection*), their hearts become entangled again, laboring to be free from the death in the world through the strength of their flesh (*and not Christ*) and are thereby overcome, the latter end is worse than the beginning (*seeing there is no other name by which there is salvation to overcome death*).

21 For it would have been better for them to be ignorant of the way to inherit God's life, than to have known the goodness of God to give them blessing and life as a gift and turn (*away*) from that holy commandment (*He*) delivered to them (*in Jesus Christ*).

22 But the thing that happens to them is according to the truth contained in the proverb which says, the dog is turned again to his own vomit (*having tasted of the goodness of God to give them His incorruptible life as a gift they return again to eat of the corruptible life they can serve themselves with*); and (*like*) the sow that (*after she*) was washed went wallowing (*again*) in the mud.

## Chapter 3

1 Beloved, this is the second letter that I have written to you and in both I have endeavored to stir up your pure minds by putting you in remembrance (*of the holy commandment, eternal life, that is contained in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ*):

2 So that you would be mindful of that (*when you read*) the words which were spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and (*now*) by us who are the apostles (*and messengers*) of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

3 Knowing this first, that in the last days (*of death in the earth*) there will come scoffers, who scoff (*being willingly ignorant of God's desire*) and walking according to their own lust,

4 And saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the time the fathers have fallen asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.

5 For in (*saying*) this they have determined to ignore (*the truth*) that the heavens which did exist long ago by the word of God, and the earth that stood out from the water and divided from the waters (*did by the same word of God*):

6 Whereby we also know that the world that was at that time, perished, being overflowed with water:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word (*of God*) are kept (*along with the works which men have treasured up*), reserved for fire (*to be tried as to what sort they are*) against (*the testimony which God gave in His Son that has already been proven by fire*) for the day of judgment and (*the day of*) the destruction of men who having rejected God's life will perish (*seeing they exchange the testimony of His life for their own*).

8 However beloved, do not be ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like one day.

9 The Lord is not (*neglectful or*) slow concerning His promise (*to come in the fire of His life and to destroy and remove every remnant of death from the earth*), as some men count slowness; but (*in His*) long-suffering toward us (*has He appointed a day and time*), (*because*) He is not willing (*and finds no pleasure*) that anyone should

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perish (*in the death that laboring to preserve their lives in their own strength will serve them with*), but that all men would be persuaded of the life (*they see in Christ Jesus*) which He has promised to serve them with, (*relying upon His strength and ability alone to protect and preserve their lives eternally*).

10 But (*of a certainty*) the day of the Lord will come like a thief (*who sneaks*) in the night (*at an hour you think not*); in the which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements (*of this world*) will melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the (*corruptible*) works that are (*contained*) therein will be burned up (*when He comes to baptize in the fire of His life*).

11 Seeing as all these (*corruptible*) things will be dissolved (*and completely done away with*), what quality (*and testimony*) of life should you partake in (*to be as you ought to be*) in the (*incorruptible*) life and Godlikeness you were set apart for,

12 Where you with hopeful expectation earnestly desire the coming of the day of God, in which the fire (*of His life*) from heaven will be released and all the (*corruptible*) elements (*in the world*) will melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless, we (*who are born of the Spirit*), according to His promise (*of eternal life*), look for new heavens and a new earth, (*where there is no longer any remnant of corruption and death and*) wherein only the life and immortality of God dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, seeing as you look (*desiring*) for such things, be diligent (*with the faith*) so that you may be found of Him in peace (*resting in His promise of life*), (*bearing the testimony that God gave of you in the Son which is*) without spot, and blameless.

15 And consider that the patience (*and long-suffering*) of our Lord is (*the goodness of God that leads men to repentance unto*) salvation (*from death and destruction*); just as our beloved brother Paul has (*also explained*) and written to you about, according to the wisdom given to him (*by the Lord Jesus*);

16 Just as he also has done in all his letters, speaking about these things (*concerning the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ from the law and the prophets*); in which some things are difficult to understand (*outside of the faith and the wisdom of our Lord Jesus*), which they that are ignorant and unestablished distort, as they do with all the scriptures to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, take heed (*to be diligent with the faith, to hear and keep on hearing*) lest you are also and are led away with the (*same*) error of those who are filled with labors and annoyances, and from your heart's reliance upon Him.

18 But (*as you hear and keep on hearing how God has conquered your death and freely given you the same life you behold in Jesus Christ, will you*) grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be all glory, both now (*in this present world*) and forever. Amen.