

The Second Epistle of Peter

¹ Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those having obtained a faith of equal honor with us in the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in recognition of God and Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things toward life and piety, through the recognition of the One having called us through glory and virtue, ⁴ through which the valuable and greatest promises have been given to us, so that through these we may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world in craving. ⁵ And also for this very thing, adding all diligence, supply in your belief virtue, and in the virtue knowledge, ⁶ and in the knowledge self-control, and in the self-control endurance, and in the endurance piety, ⁷ and in the piety brotherly love, and in the brotherly love devotion. ⁸ For these things existing with you and increasing, it is constituting you neither idle nor unfruitful in the recognition of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he in whom these aren't present is blind, being nearsighted, having forgetfulness of the cleansing of his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, much more, brethren, be diligent to be making your calling and election sure, for doing these things, you shall certainly not ever stumble. ¹¹ For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to you.

¹² Therefore I will not neglect to remind you constantly about these things, although you have known and have been established in the present truth. ¹³ And I am considering it right, insofar as I am in this tent, to stir you up by a reminder, ¹⁴ having known that the putting off of my tent is soon, just as also our Lord Jesus Christ indicated to me. ¹⁵ And I will be diligent also at any time to cause you to have a reminder of these things after my departure.

¹⁶ For we didn't follow craftily contrived fictions when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but you were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice having been borne to Him such as this by the Magnificent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased." ¹⁸ And this, the voice, we heard, having been borne from heaven, being with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we are having the more sure prophetic word, which you are doing well in heeding as a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the light-bearer rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first: that no prophecy of Scripture comes about from one's own explanation. ²¹ For prophecy wasn't ever borne of a will of man, but holy men of God spoke, being borne by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 2

¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, as also there will be false teachers among you, who will bring in heresies of destruction, and denying the Master Who has bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many will

follow after their licentiousness, through whom the way of the truth will be defamed.

³ And in covetousness with moulded words they will make merchandise of you, for whom the ancient judgment isn't idle, and their destruction isn't sleeping.

⁴ For if God didn't spare sinning messengers, but delivered them over to chains of darkness, having confined them to Tartarus, being kept for judgment, ⁵ and didn't spare the beginning world, but guarded Noah, one of eight, a herald of righteousness, to bring a flood upon the impious world, ⁶ and burning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes, condemned them to an overthrow, having made them an example to those about to be impious, ⁷ and rescued righteous Lot, who was worn out under the conduct of the lawless in licentiousness ⁸ (for by what he saw and heard, that righteous one dwelling among them tortured his righteous soul day by day with their lawless works) – ⁹ the Lord knows to be delivering the godly from temptation, but to keep the unrighteous being punished for a day of judgment, ¹⁰ and especially those going after flesh in a craving for pollution, and despising lordship. Reckless, self-willed, they aren't trembling at glories, defaming them, ¹¹ whereas messengers, being greater in might and power, aren't bringing a defaming judgment against them before the Lord. ¹² But these, as unreasoning natural animals, having been born for capture and ruin, defaming in things they are ignorant of, and in their ruin will be utterly ruined, ¹³ receiving the wages of unrighteousness as a requital, counting reveling in the daytime a pleasure, spots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, feasting together with you, ¹⁴ having eyes full of an adulteress and unceasing from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart having been trained in covetousness, children of a curse. ¹⁵ Leaving a straight way, they have wandered, following after the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who was devoted to the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he had rebuke for his own illegality, an unspeaking beast of burden, having spoken in the voice of a human, hindered the insanity of the prophet. ¹⁷ These are waterless springs, clouds being driven by a storm, for whom the gloom of the darkness has been kept for eternity.

¹⁸ For speaking swollen futility, they are enticing in cravings of the flesh, with licentiousness, those escaping from the ones behaving in error, ¹⁹ promising freedom to them, while they themselves are existing as slaves of the corruption; for by whom anyone has been overcome, by this one also he has been enslaved. ²⁰ For if having escaped the pollutions of the world in recognition of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but having become entangled again by these, they are overcome, the last state has become worse than the first. ²¹ For it was better for them not to have recognized the way of righteousness, than having recognized, to turn from the holy commandment handed down to them. ²² But it has happened to them according to the true similitude: “A dog having returned to his own vomit” and a pig, having washed, to a place of rolling in mud.

2 Peter 3

¹ This is already the second letter I am writing to you, beloved ones, in both of which I am arousing your pure mind in a reminder, ² to remember the words having been previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of your apostles of the Lord and Savior, ³ knowing this first: that mockers will come in the last of the days, going according to their own cravings ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep all things remain in this state from the beginning of

creation.”⁵ For this they willingly forget: that heavens were from of old, and land having been brought together out of water and through water by the Word of God,⁶ through which the world of that time was destroyed, having been flooded with water,⁷ but the present heavens and the earth, by His word are reserved, having been kept for fire for a day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

⁸ But in this, don’t you be forgetting, beloved ones, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord doesn’t delay His promise, as some count delay, but is being patient toward us, not determining to destroy anyone, but for all to make room for a change of mind.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a roaring sound, and the elements burning, will be destroyed, and the earth and the works in it will be completely burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, these things all being destroyed, what sort of people is it necessary for you to be in holy conduct and piety, ¹² looking for and speeding the presence of the day of God, through which the heavens, being set on fire, will be destroyed, and the elements being burned up, are being melted? ¹³ But, according to His promise, we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness is residing.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved ones, looking for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, unspotted and unblemished. ¹⁵ And be counting the patience of our Lord salvation, just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom having been given to him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all his letters, speaking in them about these things, in which are some things hard to comprehend, which the unlearned and unstable torture by twisting, as also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved ones, knowing this beforehand, be on guard, so that you may not fall from your own stability, having been carried away by the error of the lawless. ¹⁸ But be growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him is the glory both now and into the day of eternity. Amen.