2Peter

Chapter 1

¶1. Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. To those who have received with us the same precious faith in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:
2. Grace and peace be multiplied to you by the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
3. His divine power has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness by the knowledge of Him who called us through glory and virtue,
4. by which things, precious and great promises are given to us, so that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
5. And to this end, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue, knowledge,
6. and to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, patience, and to patience, godliness,
7. and to godliness, brotherly affection, and to brotherly affection, love.
8. For these things, being in you and abounding, make you neither slothful nor unfruitful in attaining to the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9. The one in whom these things are not present is blind, short-sighted, having forgotten the cleansing from his former sins.
10. Wherefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for in doing these things, you will never fall,
11. and so, the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ shall be abundantly provided to you.

¶12. Wherefore, I will not neglect to remind you always of these things, though you know them and are established in the present truth.
13. And I consider it a righteous thing to stir you up by reminding you, as long as I am in this tabernacle,
14. knowing that the departure from my tabernacle is imminent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me.
15. Moreover, I will make every effort to see to it that after my departure, you always have these things in remembrance.
16. We did not follow cunningly fabricated myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; on the contrary, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”
18. And this voice we ourselves heard coming out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.
19. And yet, we have a more certain prophetic word, to which you will do well to give heed, as to a light shining in a gloomy place, until the day breaks and the Morning Star rises in your hearts,
20. knowing this first, that no prophecy in Scripture is of man’s own interpretation.
21. For no prophecy in the past came about by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the holy Spirit.

Chapter 2

¶1. But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there shall also be false teachers among you, who shall bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
2. And many shall follow them in licentious ways, because of whom the way of truth shall be spoken evil of.
3. And in covetousness, they will make merchandise of you with crafted messages. Condemnation is not lingering long for them, and their destruction will not slumber.
4. For if God spared not angels who sinned, but tartarized them and consigned them to chains of blackness to be held until the Judgment,
5. and if He did not spare the old world (though He saved eight, including Noah, a preacher of righteousness), bringing a cataclysm upon the world of the ungodly,
6. and if with a catastrophe He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah when He reduced them to ashes, providing an example for those who would be ungodly,
7. and yet He rescued righteous Lot, who was vexed by the licentious conduct of the lawless
8. (for that righteous man, in what he saw and heard while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),
9. then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly from temptation, and how to keep the unjust under punishment until the Day of Judgment,
10. but especially those who walk after the flesh in corrupting lust, and despise government. Bold and self-willed, they do not tremble when speaking evil of authorities,

11. whereas angels, who are greater in might and power, do not bring against them demeaning accusation before the Lord.
12. But these men, like unreasoning beasts of nature born to be caught and killed, speak evil of things they do not understand and shall be destroyed in their destruction,
13. receiving the reward of unrighteousness. These men are spots and blemishes, considering daily luxury a delight, reveling in their deceptions while they feast with you,
14. having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, seducing unstable souls, having a heart trained in covetousness. They are cursed children.
15. They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the reward of unrighteousness,
16. though he had been rebuked for his lawless conduct, a dumb ass, speaking with human voice, restrained the madness of the prophet.
17. These men are wells without water, clouds driven by a storm, for whom is reserved the blackness of eternal darkness.
18. Making pretentious, vain speeches, they entice to sensuality through lusts of the flesh those who once had truly escaped from those who live in error,
19. promising them liberty, themselves being servants of corruption. For by whatever one is overcome, to that is he also a slave.
20. For if after escaping the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them, and overcome, their last state is worse than the first.
21. It would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.
22. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A dog returns to his own vomit, and a washed sow to wallowing in the mud.”

Chapter 3

¶1. This second letter I am now writing to you, beloved, in both of which I am stirring up your pure minds by way of a reminder,
2. that you should remember the words spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,
3. knowing this first, that in the last days, scoffers shall come, walking after their own lusts,
4. and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they have from the beginning of creation.”
5. But they deliberately ignore this, that by the Word of God, long ago, the heavens came to be and the earth came forth out of the water and through the water,

6. and that by these waters, the world which was then by water was destroyed in a cataclysm,
7. and by the same Word, the heavens and the earth which exist now are being kept in store, reserved for fire until the Day of Judgment and the destruction of ungodly men.

¶8. This one thing do not let escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years, as one day.
9. The Lord of the promise does not delay, as some think of delay, but waits patiently for us, not willing for anyone to perish, but that all come to repentance.
10. But the day of the Lord shall come like a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a roar, and the elements, consumed with burning heat, shall be destroyed, and earth and the works that are in it shall be burned up.
11. So then, seeing that all these things are to be destroyed, what kind of people ought you to be in all holy conduct and godliness,
12. looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens, being on fire, shall be destroyed, and the elements, consumed with heat, shall be dissolved?
13. But we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¶14. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.
15. And consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul has also written to you, according to the wisdom given to him,
16. as he also writes in all his letters when speaking in them about these matters, among which are some things hard to understand, which those who are ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they also do the other scriptures.
17. You, therefore, beloved, knowing these things ahead of time, watch, lest being led astray by the deceit of lawless men, you fall from your own steadfastness.
18. But grow 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.