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2 Peter 1

¹ From Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ; to those who have been granted a like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ By his divine power God has granted to us everything necessary for life and godliness, through the knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and virtue.

⁴ By these he has granted to us his precious and exceeding great promises; so that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, after having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by evil desire.

⁵ For this very reason make every effort to add to your faith, virtue; and to your virtue, knowledge;

⁶ to your knowledge, self-control; and to your self-control, perseverance; and to your perseverance, godliness;

⁷ and to your godliness, brotherly kindness; and to your brotherly kindness, love.

⁸ For if these things are yours and increasing they will keep you from becoming ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ For anyone who lacks these things is near-sighted and blind, since he has forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.

¹⁰ Wherefore, brothers, give all the more diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble.

¹¹ For in this way your entrance into the eternal kingdom will be richly provided by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² Therefore I will always be ready to remind you of these things, though you know them, and are established in the truth that you have.

¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this tent of my body, to stir you up by way of reminding you.

¹⁴ Since I know that the putting off of my bodily tent is coming soon, even as our Lord Jesus Christ revealed to me.

¹⁵ Yes, I will make every effort so that after my departure you will always be able to recall these things.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised fables, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when a voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice straight out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount.

¹⁹ And even more certain, we have the word of prophecy. You do well to pay attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the morning-star arises in your hearts.

²⁰ You must know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own private interpretation.
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2 Peter 2

¹ But false prophets arose also among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them--bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

 2 Many will follow their sensual ways. Because of them the way of the truth will be slandered.

³ In greed they will exploit you with deceptive words. Their condemnation, announced long ago, will not delay, and their destruction is not asleep.

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but threw them down to hell, and held them in pits of darkness to be there until the judgment;

⁵ and if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the ungodly world;

⁶ and if he turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes when he condemned them to destruction, having made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

⁷ and if he delivered righteous Lot, who was deeply distressed by the immoral conduct of the wicked

⁸ (for that righteous man dwelt among them day after day, his righteous soul was tormented by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds),

⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and reserve the unrighteous for punishment unto the day of judgment,

¹⁰ especially those who indulge their flesh with defiling lust, and despise authority. Brash and arrogant, they do not fear slandering heavenly beings.

¹¹ Even angels, who are greater in might and power, do not bring slanderous judgment against them before the Lord.

¹² But these men, like irrational animals, born as mere animals to be caught and destroyed, are slanderous concerning matters of which they are ignorant, as a result in their destruction, they themselves will be destroyed.

¹³ They will suffer harm as the payment for their wrong doing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, delighting in their deceptions even while they feast with you.

¹⁴ Their eyes are full of adultery, unable to cease from sinning. They entice those who are unstable. Their hearts are trained in greed. They are accursed children.

¹⁵ By forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of doing wrong.

¹⁶ But he was rebuked for his own transgression. A dumb donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

¹⁷ These men are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved.

¹⁸ For by speaking great swelling nonsense, they entice by sensual passions, those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.

¹⁹ They promise them freedom, while they themselves are enslaved to immorality. For a person is a slave to whatever masters them.

²⁰ For if after they have escaped the filth of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they again get entangled and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than their first.

²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment that had been delivered to them.

²² They illustrate truth of the proverb, "The dog returns to his own vomit," and "A pig, after having washed herself, returns to wallow in the mud."

¹ Beloved, this is now, the second letter that I have written to you; and in both of them I am attempting to stir up your pure mind by way of reminding you.

² Remember the words which were predicted by the holy prophets, and the commandments of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.

³ Knowing this first of all that in the last days mockers will come with mockery, walking after their evil desires.

⁴ They will say, "Where is his promised coming? For, from the day that our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

⁵ For they have deliberately forgotten, that by the word of God the heavens from of old and an earth were formed out of water and in the midst of water.

⁶ By these means the world that was then, perished being flooded with water.

⁷ But by the same word the heavens that now are, and the earth, have been stored up for fire, being reserved for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ Now do not forget this one thing, beloved, that one day with the Lord is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.
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⁹ The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some think about slowness; but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. When it comes the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt down in blazing heat, and the earth and the deeds done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Seeing all these things are going to be dissolved, what sort of persons should you be, living in all holiness and godliness,

¹² looking forward to and hurrying along the coming of the day of God? Because of this the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the elements will melt with blazing heat.

¹³ But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, strive to be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight.

¹⁵ Think about the patience of our Lord as salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him,

¹⁶ speaking in his letters of these things. In them are some things that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

¹⁷ Therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, you fall from your own secure position.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.