

2 Peter Commentaries & Sermons

Peter by Rubens
"Looking for new heavens and a new earth"
(2Pe 3:13)

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2 PETER RESOURCES

Commentaries, Sermons, Illustrations, Devotionals

2 Peter: True and False Prophecy

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COMPARISON OF POINTS OF EMPHASIS FIRST AND SECOND PETER

FIRST PETER	SECOND PETER
Letter of consolation	Letter of Warning
Encouragement for the Church	Error in the Church
Main teaching: Comfort for Suffering Saints	Main teaching: Exposure of False Teachers
Suffering of Christ	Glory of Christ
Christ - His Redemptive Title	Lord - His Title of Dominion
Hope - Enables us to Face Trials	Full Knowledge - Enables us to Recognize Error
External Opposition	Internal Opposition
Hostility	Heresy
Danger from Without	Danger from Within
Hope in the Lord's Return	Certainty of the Lord's Return
Walk in Holiness as God is Holy	Growth in Grace and Knowledge of Christ
"Pain with a Purpose"	"Poison in the Pew"

Adapted from [Jensen's Survey of the New Testament](#) and [Wilkinson and Boa's Talk Thru the Bible](#)

2 PETER

TRUE AND FALSE PROPHECY

Cultivation of Christlike Character			Condemnation of False Teachers			Confidence in the Return of Christ		
Greeting to Saints 2Pe 1:1- 2	Growth in Christ 2Pe 1:3- 14	Grounds of Belief 2Pe 1:15- 21	Danger of False Teachers 2Pe 2:1-3	Demise of False Teachers 2Pe 2:4-9	"Decor" of False Teachers 2Pe 2:10- 22	Mockers in the Last Days 2Pe 3:1- 7	Manifest Day of the Lord 2Pe 3:8- 10	Maturity in light of that Day 2Pe 3:11- 18
Know Your Salvation	Know Your Scripture	Know Your Adversaries	Know Your Prophecy	True Prophecy (True Knowledge)	False Prophets (False Teachers)	Final Prophecy (Day of the Lord)	Holiness	Heresy
Development of Faith	Denunciation of False Teachers	Hope	Design of The Future					

- [See Introduction to 2 Peter by Dr John MacArthur](#) Title, Author, Date, Background, Setting, Historical, Theological Themes, Interpretive Challenges, Outline by Chapter/Verse. Excellent overview. **Here is MacArthur's assessment of the often disputed authorship of Second Peter:**

The author of 2 Peter is the Apostle Peter (see Introduction to 1 Peter). In 1:1, he makes that claim; in 3:1, he refers to his first letter; in 1:14, he refers to the Lord's prediction of his death (John 21:18,19); and in 1:16-18, he claims to have been at the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-4). However, critics have generated more controversy over 2 Peter's authorship and rightful place in the canon of Scripture than over any other NT book. The church fathers were slow in giving it their acceptance. No church father refers to 2 Peter by name until Origen near the beginning of the third century. The ancient church historian, Eusebius, only included 2 Peter in his list of disputed books, along with James, Jude, 2 John, and 3 John. Even the leading Reformers only hesitatingly accepted it.

The question about differences in Greek style between the two letters has been satisfactorily answered. Peter wrote that he used an amanuensis, Silvanus, in 1 Peter (cf. 1 Pet. 5:12). In 2 Peter, Peter either used a different amanuensis or wrote the letter by himself. The differences in vocabulary between the two letters can be explained by the differences in themes. First Peter was written to help suffering Christians. Second Peter was written to expose false teachers. On the other hand, there are remarkable similarities in the vocabulary of the two books. The salutation,

“grace to you and peace be multiplied,” is essentially the same in each book. The author uses such words as “precious,” “virtue,” “putting off,” and “eyewitness,” to name just a few examples, in both letters. Certain rather unusual words found in 2 Peter are also found in Peter’s speeches in the Acts of the Apostles. These include “obtained” (1:2; Acts 1:17); “godliness” (1:3,6,7; 3:11; Acts 3:12); and “wages of iniquity” (2:13,15; Acts 1:18). Both letters also refer to the same OT event (2:5; 1 Pet. 3:18–20). Some scholars have pointed out that there are as many similarities in vocabulary between 1 and 2 Peter as there are between 1 Timothy and Titus, two letters almost universally believed to have been written by Paul.

The differences in themes also explains certain emphases, such as why one letter teaches that the second coming is near, and one deals with its delay. First Peter, ministering especially to suffering Christians, focuses on the imminency of Christ as a means of encouraging the Christians. Second Peter, dealing with scoffers, emphasizes the reasons why that imminent return of Christ has not yet occurred. Other proposed differences invented by the critics, such as the contradiction between including the resurrection of Christ in one letter and the Transfiguration of Christ in the other, seem to be contrived.

Moreover, it is seemingly irrational that a false teacher would spuriously write a letter against false teachers. No unusual, new, or false doctrines appear in 2 Peter. So, if 2 Peter were a forgery, it would be a forgery written by a fool for no reason at all. This is too much to believe. The conclusion to the question of authorship is that, when the writer introduced the letter and referred to himself as Peter, he was writing the truth.

Nero died in a.d. 68, and tradition says Peter died in Nero’s persecution. The epistle may have been written just before his death (1:14; ca. a.d. 67–68).

- [James Van Dine's overview of 2 Peter including detailed outline and chapter/section summaries](#)
- [William Orr's Key to 2 Peter](#)
- [James Gray's "Synthetic Bible Study" on 2 Peter](#)
- [Intro to 2 Peter from the NIV Study Bible](#)
- [Myer Pearlman's through the Bible - 2 Peter](#)
- [The Second Epistle Of Peter Introduction - Ray Stedman](#)

Key Words: Know/knowledge (2 Pet 1:2, 1:3, 1:5, 1:6, 1:8, 1:12, 1:14, 1:16, 1:20, 2:9, 2:12, 2:20, 2:21, 3:3, 3:17, 3:18), remember/remind (2Pe 1:12, 13, 3:1, 3:2), diligent/diligence (2Pe 1:5, 10, 15, 3:14), Lord (1Pe 1:2, 8, 11, 14, 16, 2:9, 11, 20, 3:2, 8, 9, 10, 15, 18)

See discussion on marking key words. To help your study print out the [Observation Worksheet on 2Peter](#) (**Go to page 13**) with double spaced text for marking Key Words, making lists, taking notes that you can later transfer to your Bible

Dr. Kenneth Gangel offers a summary of the reasons Peter wrote his second letter.

This final impassioned plea to grow in Christian maturity (2Pe 1:5, 6, 7, 3:18) and guard against false teachers was precipitated by the fact that [Peter's] time was short (2Peter 1:13, 14, 15) and that these congregations faced immediate danger (2Peter 2:1, 2, 3). He also desired to refresh their memories (2Peter 1:13) and stimulate their thinking (2Peter 3:1, 2) so they would remember his teaching (2Peter 1:15).... And he encouraged his readers with the certainty of Christ's return (2Peter 3:1-16). (Today in the Word)

A Dr. Congdon once approached Bible teacher R. A. Torrey, complaining he could get nothing out of his Bible study.

"Please tell me how to study it so that it will mean something to me."

"Read it," replied Dr. Torrey.

"I do read it."

"Read it some more."

"How?"

"Take some book and read it twelve times a day for a month."

Torrey recommended Second Peter. Dr. Congdon later said,

"My wife and I read 2 Peter three or four times in the morning, two or three times at noon, and two or three times at dinner. Soon I was talking 2 Peter to everyone I met. It seemed as though the stars in the heavens were singing the story of 2 Peter. I read 2 Peter on my knees, marking passages. Teardrops mingled with the crayon colors, and I said to my wife,

"See how I have ruined this part of my Bible."

"Yes," she said, "but as the pages have been getting black, your life has been getting white."

John Calvin - "The majesty of the Spirit of Christ exhibits itself in every part of the epistle" (of Second Peter).

J Sidlow Baxter - "Peter is distinctively the apostle of hope, as is Paul of faith, James of works and John of love....There are always two tests of Christian genuineness. The **doctrinal test** is 'What is the attitude to the person and work of Christ?' The **practical test** is 'What is the resultant character and conduct?' Both tests appear in Second Peter. Note the two dangers indicated in the first chapter. There is the danger of life without growth (2Peter 1:3-8); and there is the danger of knowledge without practice (2Peter 1:9-14). Life never remains static: it either goes forward or backward. Life without growth

becomes atrophy. Similarly knowledge without practice becomes blindness instead of vision (2Peter 1:9). It is vital to be members of the 'progressive party.'...To be forewarned is to be forearmed says the old proverb. Study carefully Peter's forewarning in 2Peter 2:1-3ff. It is a point of incidental interest that in 2Pe 2:14 and 2Pe 2:18 the word translated as "be beguiling" (enticing) and "allure" (entice) in the Greek is literally to *take with a bait* - a relic from Peter's fishing days. "Beware," says Peter in effect, 'Your most dangerous deceivers are those who come with a tasty bait and a concealed hook!' Let this second chapter convince us that wherever there is a Divine truth which saves, there will be a Satanic counterfeit which damns: so will it be until the arch-deceiver is flung into the abyss. What a scathing exposure is this second chapter! There is no "mincing of words" or "beating about the bush." There can be no tolerance of that which, inside the very Church itself, dishonors Christ and ruins soul. There can be no "dainty handling" of false teachers! A viper can be a gorgeous creature to look at, but once let its poison fang get you, or its strangle-coils enwrap you...! Peter sees the issue with Spirit-anointed clearness. There can be no compromise. Remember, this second chapter is not merely Peter speaking; it is the Spirit of God. It may well make some of us think deeply. When easy-going kindness lounges in the place of righteous indignation, and allows Christ-dishonoring false doctrine to play havoc inside the Church, kindness has ceased to be Christian, it has become disguised disloyalty, camouflaged cowardice, or a moral wasting-disease." ([Baxter's Explore the Book-J. Sidlow Baxter-recommended](#))

2 PETER

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Wayne Barber

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- 2 Peter 2 - [How to Spot False Teachers](#)
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2 PETER COMMENTARY

Verse by Verse

Bruce Hurt, MD

These onsite in depth verse by verse and phrase by phrase commentary notes are written from a literal, conservative, millennial, and evangelical perspective. There is heavy emphasis on Greek word studies with frequent use of devotionals and sermon illustrations.

- 2 Peter 1:1
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HENRY ALFORD (1810-1871)
The New Testament for English Readers
2 Peter Commentary

[Read his fascinating brief biography - Henry Alford](#) and [Phil Johnson's related comments](#)

James Rosscup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament...though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#)).

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (see his comments in following entry on Alford).

Editorial Note: If you are not proficient in Greek, you will find this work considerably more useful than the following work by Alford, because in this volume he translates the Greek and Latin into English. While the "The Greek New Testament" is longer (e.g., English version of 1John = **66** pages compared to Greek version = **94** pages in part because the latter includes comments of more technical nature), the substance of the commentary is otherwise similar to that found in the "NT for English Readers".

- [2 Peter 1 Commentary](#)
- [2 Peter 2 Commentary](#)
- [2 Peter 3 Commentary](#)

HENRY ALFORD

The Greek New Testament

2 Peter Commentary

James Rosscup writes that "This was the great work in the life of the versatile Dean of Canterbury. An outcome of this production was the New Testament for English Readers (4 vols.). Alford was a Calvinist, conservative and premillennial, though not dispensational. He takes a literal interpretation of the thousand years in Rev. 20 and has a famous quote there, is strong on sovereign election as in Ro 8:29, 30 and 1Pe 1:2, but, unfortunately, holds to baptismal regeneration in such texts as Titus 3:5 and John 3:5. He shows a great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Piper writes ""When I'm stumped with a...grammatical or syntactical or logical [question] in Paul, I go to Henry Alford. Henry Alford...comes closer more consistently than any other human commentator to asking my kinds of questions."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes that this text "is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is quite able to express himself vigorously against his

opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition. What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to Alford's New Testament for English Readers,* which is also a standard work." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

- [2 Peter 1 Commentary](#)
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- [2 Peter 3 Commentary](#)

PAUL APPLE

2 Peter Commentary

- [2 Peter Commentary - 109 page PDF commentary](#) - Recommended

JACK ARNOLD

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- [2 Peter 3:1-9 Mockers of the Second Advent](#)
- [2 Peter 3:10-13 Consummation of the World](#)
- [2 Peter 3:14-18 Commands in View of Christs Coming](#)

WILLIAM BARCLAY

2 Peter Commentary

[D Edmond Hiebert](#) - Prints the author's own translation. Barclay defends Petrine authorship of 1 Peter but not of 2 Peter. Valuable for its numerous helpful word studies and background material. Barclay holds that Christ's descent into Hades gave those who there heard Him a second chance.

Comment: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an [Acts 17:11](#) Berean with Barclay. [See discussion of his orthodoxy](#) especially the article "[The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)".

- [2 Peter 1 Commentary](#)
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- [2 Peter 3 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES

2 Peter Commentary

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial...Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil....Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

John Cereghin - Valuable commentary that had a wide sale when first published by this Presbyterian pastor.

- [2 Peter 1 Commentary](#)
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- [2 Peter 3 Commentary](#)

BRIAN BELL

Sermon Notes on 2 Peter

Calvary Chapel, Murrieta

- II Peter 1:1-11 [Usefulness & Fruitfulness](#)

- II Peter 2:1-11 [Wrath & Rescue](#)
- II Peter 2:12-22 [Animal Appetites](#)
- II Peter 3:1-9 [1 Day is as a 1000 Years](#)
- II Peter 3:10-18 [What Manner of Persons ought you to Be](#)

JOHANN A BENDEL

Commentary on 2 Peter

Gnomon of the New Testament

James Rosscup writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the Greek, flavoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

- [2 Peter 1 Commentary](#)
- [2 Peter 2 Commentary](#)
- [2 Peter 3 Commentary](#)

JOHANN BENDEL

The Critical English Testament

Commentary on 2 Peter

Represents Combination of Bengel's Gnomon (above) and Comments by more modern expositors (in brackets) to make this more usable for those who do not read Greek.

Spurgeon comments on the goal to make **Bengel's Gnomon** (listed above) more accessible -- "Such is the professed aim of this commentary, and the compilers have very fairly carried out their intentions. The whole of **Bengel's Gnomon** is bodily transferred into the work, and as 120 years have elapsed since the first issue of that book, it may be supposed that much has since been added to the wealth of Scripture exposition; the substance of this has been incorporated in brackets, so as to bring it down to the present advanced state of knowledge. We strongly advise the purchase of this book, as it...will well repay an attentive perusal. Tischendorf and Alford have contributed largely...**to make this one of the most lucid and concise commentaries on the text and teachings of the New Testament**" ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

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- [2 Peter 3 Commentary](#)

CHARLES BIGG 2 Peter Commentary

Preface

James Rosscup gives Bigg's commentary on 1 Peter high marks (and he also recommends 2Peter but no additional comments): "This is probably the second best older study on I Peter from the standpoint of the Greek text. Selwyn is the other. As other ICC works, it deals with details of philology, grammar and possible views on problems." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Cereghin - A most thorough commentary on the Greek text. He defends Petrine authorship (242-247); urges the translation "our God and Savior" (250-252); teaches baptismal regeneration (260ff); holds it probable that Peter "received every one of St. Paul's Epistles within a month or two of its publication (301); maintains that the "faith" was a "body of doctrine" (325). ([Source](#))

- [2 Peter 1 - A Critical and Exegetical Commentary](#)
- [2 Peter 2 - A Critical and Exegetical Commentary](#)
- [2 Peter 3 - A Critical and Exegetical Commentary](#)

JOHN BROWN

2 Peter 1 Commentary

Parting Counsels: An Exposition of the First Chapter
of the Second Epistle of the Apostle Peter
With Four Additional Discourses

1856

Recommended

James Rosscup writes "Brown was minister of Broughton Place, Edinburgh (1829–58), at which post he died. He gives rich, solid comments verse by verse and can refresh any Christian in his devotional times or help a preacher pull together facets of truth and how they relate to life. To Brown, making the calling and election sure refers not to seeing to their existence but to the evidence of them (p. 53). Some, however, feel that they are saved when they are far from it (54). He is helpful on furnishing the virtues in verses 5–8. After 225 pages the rest of the book is given to other discourses on how Christians may have proper assurance of salvation, pray for the preacher (Ephesians 6:19), etc." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Cereghin - We always think of Brown as a Puritan born out of due time. Everything he has left us is massive gold. He is both rich and clear, profound and [perspicuous](#)! The material covering chapter 1 (more than 300 pages) is rich, clear and worthy attention. ([source](#))

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JOSEPH BENSON

2 Peter Commentary

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WILLIAM BURKITT

2 Peter Commentary

Charles Spurgeon regarded Burkitt's commentary as a "goodly volume," and recommended "attentive perusal" of it.

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JOHN CALVIN

2 Peter Commentary

- [2 Peter 1 Commentary](#)
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CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT

2 Peter Commentary

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RICH CATHERS

Calvary Chapel, Fullerton

Sermon Notes on 2 Peter

Frequent brief word studies and occasional illustrations

1. [2 Peter 1-3 Survey](#) - Representative excerpts...

2 Peter 1:6 Godliness - [eusebeia](#) (Ed: My note) ("well" + "worship") - reverence, respect; piety towards God. The word means literally "worship well", it means to worship God correctly. But a person who has "godliness" not only acts correctly towards God, but also treats people correctly as well. Because you have a relationship with God, because you know how much He is worth, you do the things that are right, the things that God wants you to be doing.

Warren Wiersbe writes, "We must never get the idea that godliness is an impractical thing, because it is intensely practical. The godly person makes the kinds of decisions that are right and noble. He does not take an easy path simply to avoid either pain or trial. He does what is right because it is right and because it is the will of God."

Summary: An awareness of God that affects my actions.

2 Peter 2:16 - When Balak first sent for Balaam, Balaam left on his donkey, but when the donkey saw the angel of death about to slaughter Balaam for going with a wrong heart, the donkey stopped in his tracks. At one point Balaam yells at the donkey, and God opens the donkey's mouth and it speaks to rebuke Balaam.

Illustration - Two Horses - Two horses were walking back to the paddock after a days training. One says to the other "I can't understand why we are so slow, we come from good stock, we have the best of food, great trainers, and yet we come last in every race." There was a dog running along side them who overheard and said "I know what your problem is. I have seen you race and it looks to me as if you race off at the start really fast and use up all your energy and then you have nothing left. What you should do is pace yourselves and when all the other horses are knackered, put in a spurt and you're sure to win. What do you think of that?". The horses looked at one another and said "WOW, a talking dog!" I still think the hilarious thing about Balaam is that he didn't seem to be bothered by his donkey talking to him! In fact, he talked back to the donkey!

Lesson - God even uses donkeys. Next time you think that God could never use someone as lowly and as stupid and as unimportant as you, think of Balaam's donkey. If God can use a donkey, surely He can use you!

2. [2 Peter 1:5-11 Sermon](#) - Representative excerpts...

Introduction - When Peter wrote his second letter it was just prior to his death in Rome at the hands of Emperor Nero. Peter is aware that he is going to die soon. (2 Peter 1:14). He has a great concern that his readers stay strong in the Lord, even after he's gone. This man has walked with Jesus for over thirty years now. So when he's going to talk about what it takes to be spiritually strong, I want to pay attention. It's kind of like your doctor telling you to eat a healthy diet in order to have a healthy life.

Illustration - Ten Important Dieting Facts

1. If you eat something, but no one else sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. When drinking a diet soda while eating a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are canceled by the diet soda.
3. When you eat with someone else, calories don't count as long as you don't eat more than they do.
4. Foods used for medicinal purposes never count (e.g., hot chocolate, toast, Sara Lee cheesecake).
5. If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner.

6. Movie-related foods do not have calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel. e.g. milk duds, buttered popcorn, junior mints and Tootsie Rolls.
7. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking the cookie causes calorie leakage.
8. Late-night snacks have no calories. The refrigerator light is not strong enough for the calories to see their way into the calorie counter.
9. If you are in the process of preparing something, food licked off knives and spoons have no calories. e.g. peanut butter on a knife, ice cream on a spoon.
10. Food of the same color have the same number of calories. Examples are spinach and pistachio ice cream, mushrooms and white chocolate. Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other.

If I went on a diet based on these ideas, do you think I'd lose any weight? If I want to lose real weight, I need to go on a real diet. In the same way, if I want to grow as a Christian, I need to be serious about having the right things in my spiritual diet.

2 Peter 1:11 - Lesson - Grow or die - It seems that if we aren't growing as a Christian, we're dying as one.

Illustration - A wife became quite concerned over her husband's declining health. His color was very pale and lifeless and he had a terrible lack of energy for even the simplest of tasks. After much prodding and conjoling, she persuaded him to go to the doctor to find out what his problem might be. The doctor examined him carefully and ran a full battery of tests to determine the exact nature of the man's illness. After evaluating the test results, he called the woman into his office to give his prognosis. "Your husband is suffering from a rare form of anemia. Without proper treatment, he could be dead in a matter of just a few weeks," he informed the very anxious wife. He went on to say, "However it can be successfully treated with the right care and diet. With the proper course of treatment, I am happy to report that you can expect full recovery." The wife was very relieved and asked what kind of action was necessary. The doctor gave his prescription, "You will need to get up every morning and fix a complete breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, etc. Make sure that he has a home-cooked lunch each afternoon of fresh-baked bread and homemade soup. For dinner prepare a meal of fresh salad, old-fashioned meat and potatoes, fresh vegetables and perhaps homemade pie or cake for dessert. Because his immune system is so compromised, you will need to keep the house scrupulously clean. It will also be important to keep his stress level very low, so avoid any kind of confrontation or argument." The wife emerged from the doctor's office and with tears rolling down her cheeks, she faced her husband. The husband took one look at his wife and said very seriously, "The news is bad isn't it? What did the doctor say?" With a choked voice, the sobbing wife told her beloved husband, "The doctor says, you're gonna die". Growth as a Christian shouldn't be something we see as optional. It's something we spend the rest of our life doing. It is kind of like riding

a bicycle uphill. If you stop pedalling, you're going to go backwards.

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- **2 Peter 1:1-2 The Foundation for Our Faith - excerpt**

So we could sum up the theme of 2 Peter by saying, "Growing Christians will be knowing Christians." We will be growing to know sound doctrine. (Peter shows that holding to false doctrine always results in final judgment.) But also, we will be growing to know God as He has revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, through the apostolic witness to Christ, contained in the New Testament. J. Sidlow Baxter (*Explore the Book* [Zondervan], 6:309, italics his) writes that the purpose of the letter is, "by *reminder* and *re-emphasis*, to ground its readers more firmly in the [epignosis](#) or 'full-knowledge' of saving truth as it is in Christ Jesus; and thereby to reinforce their faith against the imperiling counterfeits of that time." Kenneth Gangel (*The Bible Knowledge Commentary* [Victor Books], 2:862) writes, "The purpose of 2 Peter is to call Christians to spiritual growth so that they can combat apostasy as they look forward to the Lord's return."

Since Peter is here laying the foundation for the rest of his letter, he wants his readers to be experiencing multiplied grace and peace *in the knowledge* of God and of Jesus as Lord. He will devote all of chapter 2 to warn about the danger of false teachers. As Michael Green states (*The Second Epistle of Peter and the Epistle of Jude* [Eerdmans], p. 62), "A deeper knowledge of the Person of Jesus is the surest safeguard against false doctrine."

Conclusion - Make sure that these truths are not just theoretical for you. Have you received genuine faith in Jesus, the same kind of faith that the apostles had? Have you trusted in Him as your only basis for being righteous in God's sight? Do you know Him as your God and Savior? Are you submitting to Him as your Lord and Master? Do you experience His grace and peace on an increasing level? Are you growing to know God through knowing Jesus as Lord? This is the foundation for our faith: the apostolic witness to Jesus Christ as our God and Savior, through whom we receive all the blessings of salvation.

- **2 Peter 1:3-4 Our All-Sufficient Resources in Christ - excerpt**

Many years ago, Crowfoot, the chief of the Blackfoot confederacy in southern Alberta,

Canada, gave the Canadian Pacific Railroad permission to cross the Blackfoot land from Medicine Hat to Calgary. In return, the railroad gave Crowfoot a lifetime pass to ride on the railway. He put it in a leather case and wore it around his neck for the rest of his life. But there is no evidence that he ever used it to travel anywhere on the Canadian Pacific trains. We may chuckle at the chief's neglecting to use his pass, but many Christians are just like him in not availing themselves of the unlimited promises of God. They may put them on a plaque on the wall, but practically they never actually use God's promises in their daily lives. But in our text, Peter wants us to know that...God has granted to us everything we need for life and godliness through knowing Christ and trusting in His all-sufficient promises. That statement sounds pretty good. You wouldn't think that among Bible-believing Christians it would be controversial in any way. But, sad to say, it is. Back in 1991, John MacArthur published *Our Sufficiency in Christ* [Word Publishing]. In the preface, he anticipated that the book would be controversial due to a widespread lack of confidence in Christ's sufficiency in the contemporary church. He wrote (p. 19), "Too many Christians have tacitly acquiesced to the notion that our riches in Christ, including Scripture, prayer, the indwelling Holy Spirit, and all the other spiritual resources we find in Christ simply are not adequate to meet people's real needs."....

So when Peter says that we are partakers of the divine nature, he does not mean that we become "little gods," as some false teachers assert. There is always an inherent difference between the eternal Creator and His finite creation. Rather, Peter means that we share in the very life of God, so that His moral excellence progressively becomes ours. Finally, when we see Jesus, we will be like Him, apart from all sin. In the meanwhile, we are to be growing in holiness (1 John 3:2-3). In verse 4 Peter states what God has done for us, imparting His very life to us so that we may become holy. In verses 5-7, he spells out our responsibility to grow in godliness....At the moment that we are born again, so that God's life dwells in us, we are set apart from this evil world unto God. We now belong to Him. We share in His nature, which includes moral excellence. Due to sin, the world is morally like rotting garbage. People in the world live for their lusts, whether it be sex or greed or self-centered pride. But God's precious and great promises deliver us from that corruption (Col. 1:13).

■ **2 Peter 1:5-7 Growing in Godliness - excerpt**

The late Ray Stedman told of asking a boy how old he was. Quick as a flash he said, "I'm twelve, going on thirteen, soon be fourteen." That boy was eager to grow up! Most Christians want to grow in the Lord, especially when they are new in the faith. But often, as time goes on, the enthusiasm to grow begins to fade. We settle into a humdrum routine and grow spiritually complacent. We're like an old farmer I read about ("Our Daily Bread"), who often described his Christian experience by saying, "Well, I'm not making much progress, but I'm established!" One spring when he was hauling some logs, his wagon wheels sank down to the axles in mud. As he sat there viewing the dismal situation, a neighbor who had always felt uncomfortable with the farmer's worn-out testimony came by. He called out, "Brother Jones, I see you're not making much progress, but you must be content because you're well established!" It

was a way of pointing out, “You’re stuck!”

If you’re stuck spiritually, God wants you to grow. Even if you’ve been a Christian for many years, the New Year should be a year of growth in godliness. Until you’re perfectly like Jesus Christ, which won’t happen until you see Him, you still have room to grow. In our text, Peter gives us some wise counsel about growing in godliness. But you won’t grow without deliberate discipline and effort. It’s interesting that Peter, a man known in the gospels for his impetuosity, here sets forth a deliberate, disciplined approach to spiritual growth. If Peter the impetuous fisherman could become a disciplined, godly man, then anyone else can do the same. He’s saying, “Because God has imparted new life and spiritual riches to us in Christ, we should be diligent to grow in godliness.”.....

Peter says (2 Peter 1:5), “Applying all diligence....” The word “applying” occurs only here in the New Testament and means, “to bring in besides.” The idea is, “God has given you His life and all of His promises. Now, you bring in diligence so that you may grow.” D. A. Carson explains (*Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church* [Zondervan], p. 228), “the dominant biblical pattern is neither ‘let go and let God’ nor ‘God has done his bit, and now it’s all up to you,’ but rather, ‘since God is powerfully at work in you, you yourself must make every effort.’” As Paul said (Phil. 2:12-13), “work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God Who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” In other words, spiritual growth involves God’s resources as the foundation, but also our responsible effort in addition.

■ **2 Peter 1:8-11 The Benefits of Growing in Godliness - excerpt**

In 1981, I read the two-volume autobiography of C. H. Spurgeon. He was an amazing man whom God used mightily. One day as I was jogging in the woods, I asked the Lord one of those “far beyond all you can ask or think” prayers. I prayed, “Lord, use me as You used Spurgeon!” I didn’t hear any voice, but almost instantly the thought popped into my mind, which I believe was from the Lord, “Which Spurgeon? Charles or John?” I stopped jogging and just stood there so I could think about the implications of that question. John Spurgeon was the father of the famous Charles. He was a faithful pastor in England for many years. He actually outlived his famous son. If it had not been for the famous Charles Spurgeon, no one would have ever heard of John Spurgeon. Yet, he and thousands of others like him were godly, fruitful servants of the Lord. It was as if the Lord was saying to me, “You focus on being as faithful and godly as John Spurgeon and leave it to Me as to whether you become as influential as Charles Spurgeon!” Peter is telling us, “Focus on growing in godliness and you will be fruitful in your Christian life.”

■ **2 Peter 1:12-15 Necessary Reminders - excerpt**

Thomas Schreiner (*The New American Commentary, 1, 2 Peter, Jude* [Broadman], p. 309) says, “Believers know the gospel, and yet they must, in a sense, relearn it every day.” Milton Vincent has a helpful little book, *A Gospel Primer* [self-published], in

which he makes the point that we need to preach the gospel to ourselves every day. Jerry Bridges makes the same point (“Four Essentials for Finishing Well,” in *Stand*, ed. by John Piper and Justin Taylor [Crossway Books], pp. 22-28). Let your heart be warmed often by the gospel and by other essential truths, such as those that Peter rehearses for us here.....

Conclusion - So, no matter where you’re at in the Lord, Peter is saying that you need sound teachers to remind you often of the basic truths of the faith so that you stay on course. By way of applying his words, I would encourage you to do several things: (1) Read the Bible through over and over. The godly George Muller is said to have read it through over 200 times! (2) Memorize key portions of the Bible through frequent repetition. (3) Regularly sit under the faithful ministry of the Word. We have so many wonderful resources available online! (4) Read solid books that will help you grow to know Christ better. I know—none of these suggestions are original or new. I’m just reminding you of what you already know!

■ **[2 Peter 1:16-18 The Foundation of Our Faith](#) - excerpt...**

This leads me to ask, “How do you know that your faith in Christ is true?” If someone says that chanting a Buddhist mantra works for him, is that equally true? In other words, what is the foundation of our faith? Does it rest on personal experience: “Jesus changed my life”? While I hope that Jesus has changed your life, I also hope that you see that your faith needs a more substantial foundation than that. Mormons, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Buddhists, and many with other belief systems can point to changed lives. How do we know that biblical Christianity is the *only* truth that will get us right with God and give us eternal life?

■ **[2 Peter 1:19-21 The Solid Foundation](#) - excerpt...**

Years ago, a math professor named Peter Stoner wrote a little book, *Science Speaks* [Moody Press, 1963]. In it, he assigns probabilities to a number of biblical prophecies and then calculates the odds that these things could have happened by sheer chance. In one chapter, he takes just eight prophecies concerning Jesus Christ and uses very conservative estimates to determine how probable it is that anyone who might have lived from the time of those prophecies down to the present could have fulfilled them all. His answer is, 1 in 1017. How big is that number? To illustrate, Professor Stoner says (pp. 106-107), take 1017 silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover the entire state two feet deep. Now mark one of those silver dollars, stir it into the whole mix, blindfold a man and tell him he can go as far as he wants, but he has to pick just one. His chances of picking the marked silver dollar are the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing just these eight prophecies (apart from divine inspiration) and having them all come true in one man. He goes on to show that if you take 16 prophecies, the odds increase to 1 in 1045, an unimaginably huge number. It would involve a ball of silver dollars extending 30 times as far as from the earth to the sun! And that’s just 16 prophecies, not the 300 which Jesus fulfilled!

■ **[2 Peter 2:1-3 Beware of False Teachers!](#)**

■ **[2 Peter 2:4-10 Judgment and Mercy](#) - excerpt...**

I heard of a pastor who was talking with a colleague about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The colleague said, "Well, if that's the way God really is, then I'm not going to believe in Him!" That is strange logic! Not believing in God doesn't make Him go away. Yet I've often heard people dismiss God's judgment by saying, "I believe in a God of love. He would never judge anyone, except maybe the worst of the worst of sinners." Or, some will say, "I don't believe in the Old Testament God of judgment. I believe in Jesus, who never condemned anyone." Really? Jesus spoke more often and more graphically about hell than anyone else in the Bible. He used the story of Sodom's destruction to warn about the final judgment when He returns (Luke 17:29-32). The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, reveals a God who will bring judgment on sinners, but who shows mercy to those who repent of their sins and trust in Him. The apostle Peter wrote his second letter to help churches stand against some false teachers who were infiltrating their ranks. These teachers not only promoted false doctrine, but also ungodly living. He alludes to them (2 Pe 2:10) when he says that they indulged the flesh in its corrupt desires and despised authority, including the authority of the Master who bought them (2 Pe 2:1). They exploited people in the church with sensuality and greed (2:2-3). At the root of their false teaching was a denial of the second coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory to judge the world (2 Pe 3:3-13). They even encouraged people toward sexual "freedom" (2 Pe 2:19), assuring them that a loving God would never judge anyone. In our text, Peter wants his readers to know that although God's judgment may be delayed, it is absolutely certain.....

Many years ago, I conducted a funeral for a man from my church. On the little brochure that the funeral home prints up for such occasions was John 3:16, printed as follows: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life." But they left out some crucial words: "shall *not perish* but have eternal life"! I don't know whether the family or the funeral home was responsible for the omission, but I didn't let it go. I pointed out during the service that while God has provided forgiveness of sins and eternal life for all who will believe in Jesus, the verse also warns that all who do not believe in Jesus will perish. Jesus didn't come and die on the cross just to give us warm, fuzzy feelings about God's love. He offered Himself to pay the penalty for sin that we deserved to rescue us from the wrath to come (1 Thess. 1:10). The angels who sinned, the world under the flood, and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah are there to warn us that God will surely judge all that have sinned against Him. The preservation of Noah and the rescue of Lot give us the hope that if we trust in Christ and turn from our sins, God will mercifully spare us from the judgment to come. Believe in Jesus Christ and you will not perish, but have eternal life!

■ **[2 Peter 2:10b-22 A Sad Portrait to Study](#) - excerpt...**

"....Our evangelical culture has followed our morally lax worldly culture by mistaking God's grace to mean that we get a daily allotment of free passes for sin. We wrongly think that grace means that God is like an indulgent parent who isn't bothered by our sin. Over the years I have repeatedly been accused of not understanding grace

because I have taught that salvation results in a life of obedience to God (Titus 2:11-14); a lifestyle of sin is evidence that we are not truly saved (1 John 3:4-10)."

■ **2 Peter 3:1-7 Mockers and the Coming Judgment - excerpt...**

A woman who worked for the Internal Revenue Service at times had to communicate with delinquent taxpayers. On one occasion she called Anchorage and was patched through to a ham operator in the Aleutian Islands. Two hours later the ham operator raised the taxpayer's home base and from there reached him at sea with his fishing fleet. After the woman identified herself as being with the IRS in Utah, there was a long pause. Then over the static from somewhere in the North Pacific came: "Ha! Ha! Come and get me!" (In *Reader's Digest*, "Life in These United States," 10/82) A lot of people scoff at God and the warning of His coming judgment like that fisherman scoffed at the IRS. They somehow think that either it will never happen because it hasn't happened yet or that if it ever does happen, they'll be okay. And while few are so bold as openly to scoff at God and the judgment, many do so practically by living as if they will never stand before Him to give an account. The idea of facing Him in judgment is so far from their minds that it never affects how they live.....

The early church lived with the expectancy that Christ could return in their time (1 Thess. 4:15). That is no wonder, since the 260 chapters of the New Testament have about 300 references to Christ's coming and only four books (Galatians, Philemon, 2 & 3 John) lack any specific reference to it (*The MacArthur Study Bible*[Nelson Bibles], ed. by John MacArthur, p. 1928; *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, 2 Peter & Jude* [Moody Publishers], p. 117). But even by the mid-60's, when Peter wrote, skeptics were becoming disillusioned that Christ had not returned, and some were so bold as to attack openly the very idea that He ever would return. But Calvin rightly pointed out that you cannot take away the promise of Christ's return without destroying the very core of the gospel. He said (p. 415),"... for when that is taken away, there is no gospel any longer, the power of Christ is brought to nothing, the whole of religion is gone. Then Satan aims directly at the throat of the Church, when he destroys faith in the coming of Christ. For why did Christ die and rise again, except that he may some time gather to himself the redeemed from death, and give them eternal life?" .;...

If you are a Christian—a follower of Jesus—the bottom line has to be, "What does God's Word say?" It clearly says that God created the world by His word, judged the world at the flood by His word, and will judge the ungodly when Christ returns by His word. Thus we must stand firm on these truths and out of love warn everyone to flee the wrath to come.

■ **2 Peter 3:8-9 Why Doesn't Christ Return? - excerpt...**

An atheist farmer often ridiculed those who believe in God. He wrote a letter to the local newspaper in which he scoffed, "I plowed on Sunday, planted on Sunday, cultivated on Sunday, and hauled in my crops on Sunday; but I never went to church on Sunday. Yet I harvested more bushels per acre than anyone else, even those who are God-fearing and never miss a service." The editor printed the man's letter and

then added this remark: "God doesn't always settle His accounts in October." (Taken from "Our Daily Bread," date unknown.) Do you ever wonder why God delays judgment on this wicked world? Why doesn't Christ return to judge the world as He promised? But then you realize, "What if He had returned to judge the world while I was still an unbeliever? I would have been lost!" And so while we join millions of believers down through the centuries in praying, "Your kingdom come," we have to be content to leave the timing in God's hands.....

Conclusion - The recent massive recall of Toyotas reminds me of a blurb I read years ago ("Our Daily Bread," 11/81) about a Christian woman who held a high position in General Motors. On her office door was a sign: "One Maker ultimately recalls all His products." We're all going to stand before God to give an account. Don't let the delay in the recall lull you into thinking that it won't happen. It only seems delayed because God's perspective of time is radically different than our perspective. And, because of His patience, He waits for all to come to repentance. But, as Peter goes on to say, "The day of the Lord will come like a thief...." Don't be caught off guard. Repent of your sins and come to Christ while you may.

■ **2 Peter 3:10-13 Living in Light of That Day** excerpt...

I'm always amazed at how fascinated everyone is by biblical prophecy. One night when I was in the Coast Guard, I was sitting alone in the bridge of the cutter on radio watch when the chief came up to get some paperwork. I was reading First Peter. The chief looked over my shoulder and asked, "Whatcha reading?" Then he answered his own question, "Oh, Peters huh? You ought to read Revelations. It's really [expletive meaning "cool" deleted]." I thought, "Here is this thoroughly pagan man who thinks that *the* book of the Bible that describes God's awful wrath and judgment against sinners is a cool book!" People are drawn to prophecy like moths to the fire, not realizing that biblical prophecy warns sinners to repent and flee from God's coming wrath.....

Peter is not interested here in setting forth a detailed, chronological account of the end times, so that we can draw up prophecy charts. Rather, he is driving home one main point: This world and all that it treasures is going to burn. God is going to re-create a new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells. So, you need to make a basic choice: Do you want to live for everything that is certain to be destroyed, or do you want to live so that you will have an inheritance in that new heavens and earth?.....

"Holy" conduct (2 Pet. 3:11) means conduct that is distinct from this evil world. It doesn't necessarily mean being weird. I've seen Christians who are distinct because they're weird. But they would be weird whether they were Christians or not. If we're weird, it should be because we live in obedience to God's Word. We hold to the values that the Bible teaches us to live by. We live in light of eternity, not for all of the junk that's going to burn. We value people above things. We treasure Christ above all else.....

Conclusion - A mother once went to the youth pastor of her church and said, "I can't get my daughter to clean up her room. Is there anything you can do to help?" He

said, "I think so." He announced to the youth group that he was going to come over unannounced and take a picture of each teenager's room and put it on the bulletin board. (This was a few years ago; today he'd put it on Facebook or "You Tube"!) Suddenly, every kid's room became much cleaner! Peter is saying, "Christ is coming back suddenly and unexpectedly. Make sure that your life is clean and ready for His coming! Live in holiness in light of that day!"

■ **2 Peter 3:14-16 Diligent Perseverance in Light of That Day** - excerpt...

One of the benefits of reading Christian biographies is to see how great men of God from the past persevered through overwhelming trials and difficulties to finish their course (2 Tim. 4:7; Heb. 12:1). Seeing their faith and perseverance puts my puny trials in perspective. William Carey described himself as a plodder. But by plodding, this English cobbler went to India in 1794 and was able to translate the entire Bible into six languages and portions of the Bible into 29 other languages. He never attended high school or college, but he established the first Christian college in Asia, which continues today. He failed for two years to become ordained, because his preaching was boring. He had to overcome opposition in England to the idea of missions before he went to India. His first wife went insane after arriving in India. Both she and his second wife died, along with some of his children. His partner mismanaged the mission's funds. He faced numerous other setbacks, including a fire that destroyed years of translation work. He survived malaria, dysentery, cholera, tigers, and cobras, laboring for 41 years in India without a furlough (see *Christian History*, Issue 36). The lives of Adoniram Judson, who went to Burma in the early 1800's and Hudson Taylor, whose mission pioneered into inland China in the mid-1800's are also stories of incredible perseverance in the face of overwhelming trials and disappointments. You can't read stories like these and complain about minor (or even major) trials! They help you to persevere in following Christ. Peter was a concerned shepherd who wanted his readers to persevere.....

When the Lord returns, it will mean salvation not only for us, but also for all who have believed through our witness and through our efforts in world missions. Any discomfort that we have to endure through trials now will be more than worth it when we see in heaven those whom the Lord has saved because of our sacrifice. David Livingstone, who spent his life enduring hardship to take the gospel to Africa, wrote (from, "Global Prayer Digest," July, 1984):

For my own part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office [missionary]. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this

only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice.

So to persevere, we need to make God's focus our focus. He is delaying Christ's return because He is patiently waiting for the lost to come to salvation. If our focus is on reaching sinners with the gospel, our trials will not seem so big.....

So Peter's message to us is: God's day of judgment is coming. That fact should motivate us to diligent perseverance. To persevere, maintain the hope of His coming; maintain the holiness needed for a clear conscience; develop a heart for the lost; and, lay hold of the help that comes from understanding the Scriptures.

- **[2 Peter 3:17-18 Guarding, Growing, Glorifying](#)**- **excerpt**...Every Christian should aim at finishing well. Steadfastness and perseverance are huge themes in the New Testament. One lesson from Jesus' parable of the sower is that it's easy to begin well. The seed on the rocky ground sprang up quickly. The seed on the thorny ground seemed to be doing well for a while. But neither of them persevered to bring forth fruit. Only the seed on the good soil bore fruit with perseverance (Luke 8:15). In the context of persecution, false prophets, and lawlessness, Jesus said, (Matt. 24:13), "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.".....
Conclusion - At the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, the last of the marathon runners were being carried off the field to first aid stations about an hour after the winner had crossed the finish line. Just a few spectators remained in the stands when they suddenly heard the sound of sirens and police whistles. All eyes turned to the gate to see John Stephen Akhwari, wearing the colors of Tanzania, limping into the stadium. His leg was bloodied and bandaged from a bad fall. He hobbled around the track past the finish line as the crowd rose and applauded as if he were the winner. Someone later asked him why he had not quit, in view of his injury and the fact that he had no chance of winning a medal. He replied, "My country did not send me 7,000 miles to start the race. They sent me 7,000 miles to finish it." (From, *Leadership*, Spring, 1992, p. 49.) Christ didn't give His life for you just to start the Christian life. He gave His life so that you would finish it and finish it well. You will do so if you guard yourself from spiritual error, grow in the grace and knowledge of Him, and live to glorify His name.

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- **Bauckham, Richard J. Jude, 2 Peter** (Word Biblical Commentary). Waco, TX: Word Books, 1983. 357 pp. - Some will not think the work evangelical. It has discussion looking at the Greek exegesis in some detail and with competence and showing a high familiarity with literature on the epistles as well as extra-biblical sources he feels pertains. In some cases he offers a spread of possibilities on views and arguments on problems. His bibliography is extensive. He will disturb many readers with his denial of authorship by Peter (he says the church at Rome produced it), and his view that the early readers would not disrespect it for being pseudonymous but take its message to heart as "a faithful mediator of the apostolic message" (pp. 161-62). Bauckham's view of inspiration is hazy, and he leaves students unsure whether he

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- Gangel, Kenneth. "2 Peter," in Bible Knowledge Commentary, ed. John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck, Volume II. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1985. - A brief but often substantial tracing of the message verse by verse, dealing with problems fairly well or at least giving views. Gangel uses Greek word study (1:5, *epichoregeo*), feels the blind in 1:9 are carnal but saved, apparently favors saying that "they" in 2:20 refers to unstable, unsaved people who were "listeners" in verse 18, but gives four views, etc. He is premillennial in his "day of the Lord" concept in 3:10-13.
- **Gardner, Paul. 2 Peter and Jude (Focus on the Bible).** Geanies House, Fearn, Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus Publications, 1998. - One can be impressed with this, among brief efforts, for some sensible, flowing exposition after convictions that the Apostle Peter wrote 2 Peter and Jude, the half brother of Jesus, wrote the letter of Jude. The work can be frequently clear (2 Pet. 1:20-21), or nebulous (as on the status of those who need to make sure, 2 Pet. 1:9-10, or how or when the angels sinned in 2:4). Overall the commentary is mediocre in covering issues. But stimulating thoughts appear on how Jude, much neglected, is relevant today for preaching (145-46).
- **Green, Michael E. The Second Epistle General of Peter and the General Epistle of Jude** (Tyndale New Testament Commentary). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1968. - An articulate evangelical commentary, upholding the Petrine authorship after a careful weighing of evidence, then explaining the text carefully though concisely. It rates as one of the best overall brief works.
- **Hiebert, D. E. Second Peter and Jude.** Greenville, SC: Unusual Publications, 1989. 324 pp. -He takes conservative positions, even seeing Jude as following Peter's second epistle. He usually has something clarifying on a verse and displays considerable awareness of views and issues. Preachers and lay readers will find his present work worth the time.
- **Lloyd-Jones, D. M. Expository Sermons on Peter.** Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth Trust, 1983. 263 pp. Trust, 1983. 263 pp. Rp 1999. - The book gives 25 sermons preached in 1946-47, the preacher's first series through a book of Scripture. He delivered the messages at Westminster Chapel, London. He usually includes 1-4 verses in a sermon and moves through the epistle. One is soon aware that Lloyd-Jones has much insight, explaining the essentials of the text adeptly and developing how these have vital force for living in this world. The book is a primer for expositors and refreshing for Christians in general.
- **Lucas, Dick, and Christopher Green. The Message of 2 Peter & Jude** (The Bible Speaks Today). Downers Grove, IL: IVP. 1995. - Lucas, a fine expository preacher, did the two introductions, Green the verse by verse comments. Little is done before 2 Peter to define in any substantial way who the false teachers are, but their characteristics are made clear both in 2 Peter and Jude. The Apostle Peter is assumed as the author (2 Pet.) and Jude the half brother of Jesus (Jude). The

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- **Wuest, Kenneth S. In These Last Days: Studies in the Greek Text of II Peter, John and Jude For the English Reader.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1957. - This work is recommended as a very good simple book to give to a layman to stimulate his study. It is also good for the pastor and Sunday school teacher because it deals with the Greek word meanings verse-by-verse and has a warm devotional strain.

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2 Peter 1:3-4 Peter next reminded his readers of the resources they had through knowing Christ. He provides believers everything they need for life and godliness. "Life" (Gk zoe) is eternal life, whereas "**godliness**" (Gk eusebeia) is godly living; the latter cannot be obtained without the former. The divine call of believers served as a foundation for Peter's appeal for godly living. Christ calls to Himself those whom God has saved, and this calling is brought about by His own glory and goodness. Christ's "**glory**" (Gk doxa) and "**goodness**" (Gk arete) combine and seem to refer to the

moral excellence of Christ. By these—by Christ's glory and goodness—He has given us **very great and precious promises**. The content of these great promises includes sharing in the **divine nature**. Peter did not mean that believers become gods or that they share in the divine nature of God in every way. He meant that they participate in God's moral excellence and will one day be morally perfected. Participation in the divine nature is possible only after escaping the corruption in the world because of evil desires. Jesus Christ offers the only way of escape from the rebellion of this evil world system that is opposed to and alienated from God.

2 Peter 1:5-7 Because of God's generous provision in Christ, Peter encouraged his readers to build upon their foundation of faith—their initial acceptance of God's love—with the Christian virtues of goodness... knowledge... self-control... endurance... godliness... brotherly affection, and love. These graces, sometimes called the "ladder of faith," are the fruit of sharing in the divine nature. Each successive quality seems to spring from the previous one.

2 Peter 1:8-9 Useful and fruitful Christians have an abundance of the qualities mentioned in verses 5-7. On the other hand, those who lack them are blind and shortsighted because they have forgotten the cleansing from their past sins; they deliberately forget the background from which God delivered them. "Past sins" refers to sins committed before professing faith in Christ.

2 Peter 1:10-11 Because of God's grace, gifts, and the knowledge of Christ (vv. 3-9), Peter commanded his readers to make every effort to prove the reality of their calling and election to salvation; they would do so by godly living (vv. 5-7). Two results follow: (1) they will never stumble, or they "will be spared a disastrous coming to grief" (Green, 2 Peter & Jude, 83); (2) they will receive a glorious entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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- [2 Peter 2 Sermons - Mp3 only but excellent](#)

J VERNON MCGEE

- [2 Peter Introduction - Notes and Outlines \(Pdf\)](#) See above for **Mp3's**

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- [Notes from his Bible on 2 Peter](#)

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2 Peter 1:10, 11 - The doctrine of an assured belief of the pardon of sin, of acceptance in Christ, and of adoption into the family of God, has

been, and yet is, regarded by many as an attainment never to be expected in the present life; and when it is expressed, it is viewed with a suspicion unfavorable to the character of the work. But this is contrary to the Divine word, and to the concurrent experience of millions who have lived and died in the full assurance of hope. The doctrine of assurance is a doctrine of undoubted revelation, implied and expressed. That it is enforced as a state of mind essential to the salvation of the believer, we cannot admit; but that it is insisted upon as essential to his comfortable and holy walk, and as greatly involving the glory of God, we must strenuously maintain. Else why these marked references to the doctrine? In Col. 2:1, 2, Paul expresses "great conflict" for the saints, that their "hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding." In the Epistle to the Hebrews, 7:11, he says, "We desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end." In chap. 10:22, he exhorts them, "Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith." And to crown all, the apostle Peter thus earnestly exhorts, "Why the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure." We trust no further proof from the sacred word is required to authenticate the doctrine. It is written as with a sunbeam, "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

It is the duty and the privilege of every believer diligently and prayerfully to seek the sealing of the Spirit. He rests short of his great privilege, if he slights or undervalues this blessing. Do not be satisfied with the faint impression, which you received in conversion. In other words, rest not content with a past experience. Many are satisfied with a mere hope that they once passed from death unto life, and with this feeble and, in many cases, doubtful evidence, they are content to pass all their days, and to go down to the grave. Ah, reader, if you are really converted, and your soul is in a healthy, growing, spiritual state, you will want more than this. And especially, too, if you are led into deeper self-knowledge—a more intimate acquaintance with the roughness of the rough way, the straitness of the strait path, you will want a present Christ to lean upon, and to live upon. Past experience will not do for you, save only as it confirms your soul in the faithfulness of God. "Forgetting those things that are behind," you will seek a present pardon, a present sense of acceptance; and the daily question, as you near your eternal home, will be, "how do I now stand with God?—is Jesus precious to my soul now?—is He my daily food?—what do I experience of daily visits from and to Him?—do I more and more see my own vileness, emptiness, and poverty, and His righteousness, grace, and fullness?—and should the summons now come, am I ready to depart and to be with Christ?" As you value a happy and a holy walk

—as you would be jealous for the honor and glory of the Lord—as you wish to be the "salt of the earth," the "light of the world"—to be a savor of Christ in every place—oh, seek the sealing of the Spirit. Rest not short of it—reach after it—press towards it: it is your duty—oh that the duty may be your privilege; then shall you exclaim with an unfaltering tongue, "Abba; Father," "my Lord my God!"

2 Peter 1:19 - Until the day dawn - THERE awaits the believer such a day as earth never saw, but as earth will surely see—the daybreak of glory. Oh, what a day is this! It will be "as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, even a morning without clouds." Grace now yields its long-held empire, and glory begins its brilliant and endless reign. The way-worn "child of the day" has emerged from the shadows of his pilgrimage, and has entered that world of which it is said, "there shall be no night there." Contemplate some of the attributes of this day of glory.

It will be a day of perfect knowledge. When it is said that there will be no night in heaven, it is equivalent to the assertion that there will be no intellectual darkness in heaven; consequently there will be perfect intellectual light. It is said that we shall then "know every as also we are known." The entire history of God's government will then be spread out before the glorified saint, luminous in its own unveiled and yet undazzling brightness. The mysteries of providence, and the yet profounder mysteries of grace, which obscured much of the glory of that government, will then be unfolded to the wonder and admiration of the adoring mind. The misconceptions we had formed, the mistakes we had made, the discrepancies we had imagined, the difficulties that impeded us, the controversies that agitated us, all, all will now be cleared up—the day has broken, and the shadows have fled forever. Oh, blessed day of perfect knowledge, which will then give me reason to see that all the way along which my God is now leading me, through a world of shadows, is a right way; and that where I most trembled, there I had most reason to stand firm; and that where I most yielded to fear, there I had the greatest ground for confidence; and that where my heart was the most collapsed with grief, there it had the greatest reason to awaken its strings to the most joyous melody.

It will be a day of perfect freedom from all sorrow. It must be so, since it is written, that "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." What a cluster of sweet hopes is there! What a collection of bright beams, throwing, in focal power, their splendor over that cloudless day! Child of sorrow! sick ones dear to Christ! bereaved mourners! hear you these

precious words, and let music break from your lips! God will dry your tears. As the mother comforts her sorrowing one, so God will comfort His. Yes, child of grief, there will be no more weeping then; for—oh, ecstatic thought!—"God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." And "there shall be no more death." No more rending asunder of affection's close and tender ties; no more separations from the hearts we love; the mourners no more go about the streets; for death is now swallowed up in victory! "Neither sorrow, nor crying." Grief cannot find existence or place in an atmosphere of such bliss. No frustrated plans, no bitter disappointments, no withered hopes, no corroding cares, there mingle with the deep sea of bliss, now pouring its tide of joyousness over the soul. "Neither shall there be any more pain." Children of suffering! hear you this. There will be no more pain racking the frame, torturing the limbs, and sending its influence through the system, until every nerve and fibre quivers with an indescribable agony. "The former things are passed away."

It will be a day of perfect freedom from all sins. Ah! this methinks will be the brightest and sweetest of all the joys of heaven. The Canaanite will no more dwell in the land. Inbred corruption will be done away; the conflict within us will have ceased; no evil heart will betray into inconsistencies and sorrows; not a cloud of guilt will tarnish the unsullied purity of the soul. You holy ones of God! weeping, mourning over indwelling and outbreaking sin, the last sigh you heave will be a glad adieu to pollution—to be tormented with it no more, to be free from it forever. "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with your likeness." This is heaven indeed.

2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - There is an idea fatal to all true sanctification, which some believers, especially those who are young in experience, are prone to entertain- that nothing is to be done in the soul after a man has believed, that the work of conversion having taken place, all is accomplished. So far from this being the case, he has but just entered upon the work of sanctification- just started in the race, just buckled on the armor. The conflict can hardly be said to have begun in conversion; and, therefore, to rest composed with the idea that the soul has nothing more to do than to accept of Christ as his salvation- that there are no corruptions to subdue- no sinful habits to cut off no long-existing and deeply imbedded sins to mortify, root and branch- and no high and yet higher degrees in holiness to attain, is to form a most contracted view of the Christian life- such a view as, if persisted in, must necessarily prove detrimental to the spiritual advance of the believer. The work of sanctification, beloved, is a great and a daily work. It commences at the very moment of our translation

into the kingdom of Christ on earth, and ceases not until the moment of our translation into the kingdom of God in heaven. The notion, so fondly cherished by some, of perfect sinlessness here, is as fatal to true sanctification as it is contrary to God's word. They know but little of their own heart, who do not know that sin, in the language of Owen, "not only still abides in us, but is still acting, still laboring to bring forth the deeds of the flesh;"- who do not know that in their "flesh there dwells no good thing," that "that which is born of the flesh is flesh," and will retain its fleshly nature and propensities to the very last. Let us not exult "as though we had already attained, or were already perfect,"- let us not be "ignorant of Satan's devices," one of which is to build us up in the belief that, in the present life, a man may cease from the work of mortification. The Lord keep the reader from cherishing so erroneous an idea. The work of sanctification is the work of a man's life. "When sin lets us alone (as has been remarked), we may let sin alone." But when is the day, yes, when is the hour, that sin does not strive for the mastery, and in which the believer can say he has completely slain his enemy? He may "through the Spirit, mortify the deeds of the body," and if he does, "he shall live;" but, as the heart is the natural and luxuriant soil of every noxious weed of sin, and as another springs up as soon as one is cut down, yes, as the same root appears again above the surface, with new life and vigor, it requires a ceaseless care and vigilance, a perpetual mortification of sin in the body, until we throw off this cumbrous clay, and go where sin is known no more.

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ALAN CARR

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RON RITCHIE

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BOB DEFFINBAUGH

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OSWALD CHAMBERS

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- [2 Peter 1:5,7 You Won't Reach It On Tiptoe](#)

F B MEYER

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- 2 Peter 1:5 Illustrations

J R MILLER

- 2 Peter 1:5 Devotional Add to your faith virtue. - Our lesson presents us with a splendid sum in addition. The graces are to be added, one to another. Faith comes

first; but faith cannot stand-alone, so we add to our faith virtue - that is, manliness, with all the noble qualities that apply to manliness. Next we are to add knowledge - knowledge, of course, of the true kind, wisdom for life, spiritual knowledge, knowledge of God and of God's will. Self-control comes next - this is the key of all noble life. No matter how strong we are, or how much we know, if we have not self-control, something is wanting. He that can rule himself is strong, while he that lacks self-mastery, no matter what other gifts he may have, is pitifully weak. Self-control produces another element - patience, patience in suffering. Another quality to be added to patience is Godliness - Godlikeness. Then comes brotherly kindness - affectionateness to those among whom we mingle. Last of all - love, the crowning gift and blessing. To have these elements of character is to be ready for life.

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JOHN MACARTHUR

- [2 Peter 1:5-11 Reasons People Lack Assurance, Part 1](#)
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RON RITCHIE

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C H SPURGEON

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JOHN MACARTHUR

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BOB DEFFINBAUGH

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D L MOODY

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F B MEYER

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C H SPURGEON

- 2 Peter 1:10 Making your calling & election sure

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THOMAS BROOKS

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C H SPURGEON

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H A IRONSIDE

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F B MEYER

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RON RITCHIE

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JOHN MACARTHUR

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GIL RUGH

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RON RITCHIE

- [2 Peter 2:1-11 How Should We Handle False Teachers?](#)

J R MILLER

- 2 Peter 2:2 Devotional - Many shall follow their pernicious ways. - This chapter is full of painful pictures. Life has its un-soothing side. Sin is in the world, and wherever there is sin there will be sorrow. But in the midst of this chapter of warnings is one sentence, which brings great comfort to those who are exposed to dangers and sufferings: "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation." No matter amid what enmities and perils, we have to live we need not be afraid. The wise man says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." The Psalms tell us that under the shadow of God's wings we may take refuge, that the Lord is our keeper, and that He who keepeth us never sleeps. Some people think they cannot be good in the place they live because of the evil about them, but Christ knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation wherever duty calls them to go. We may never choose to live amid dangers, but if our duty calls us into such places, we may be sure of protection.

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- 2 Peter 2:3 Plastic Words

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F B MEYER

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RON RITCHIE

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J R MILLER

- 2 Peter 3:1 Devotional - I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. - It is well that our minds shall be often stirred up and kept in remembrance of things we ought not to forget. Jesus recognized this when He gave the Lord's Supper. We cannot conceive how much the Communion has done through the Christian centuries to keep the name of Christ precious in this world of care and sin. Some one visiting the studio of an artist observed some highly colored stones lying on his table. When asked why he had these stones always before him, the artist said it was to keep his eye up to tone. For the same reason we need to keep before us always high ideals of life. Otherwise our minds are apt to drift away from the things that are best. Some one says that the little sentence, "That will do," has done more harm than any other sentence in the English language. Being satisfied with the thing that merely "will do" is fatal to our doing the best. It is well, therefore, to have our pure minds continually stirred up by way of remembrance, "lest we forget."

JOHN MACARTHUR

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ALAN CARR

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GIL RUGH

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Peter's "precious" things:—

1. 1 Pet. 1:7. Trial of faith much more precious.
2. 1 Pet. 1:19. The precious blood of Christ.
3. 1 Pet 2:4, 6. The living stone, precious.
4. 1 Pet 2:7. He (Christ) is precious.
5. 2 Pet. 1:1. Precious faith.
6. 2 Pet 1:4. Precious promises.

2 Peter 1:4.

- In regeneration, the corruption is escaped.
- In reformation, only the pollution is escaped.

2 Peter 1:6.

- Temperance is the virtue of prosperity.
- Temperance—moderation—is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all the virtues.

2 Peter 1:11.

- Many Christians say, "If I can take a back-seat in heaven, I shall be satisfied." But is God satisfied?

2 Peter 1:19.

- The Bible does not say, as many seem to think, that prophecy is a dark place which we will do well to avoid, but rather that it is like a light shining in a dark place.

2 Peter 3:18

- "Grow in grace." The old age of grace is maturity, not decay; advance, not decline; perfection, not imbecility. We go from strength to strength.
- Without grace, there can be no saving knowledge.

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