

INTRODUCTION

This workbook has been designed to lead you through the book of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude using outlines taken from Peter and Jude, a commentary written by Gareth L. Reese from Central Christian College of the Bible in Moberly, MO.

Each lesson contains memory verses from each chapter. I encourage you to memorize these Scriptures so that not only you can grow in your faith, but that you will also be able to recite them as the need arises. We are to be committed to be able to always give an answer for our faith, for we will be judged accordingly.

Space for notes has been given after each chapter outline and the memory verses. I also encourage you to write your thoughts and questions about each chapter while reading it during the week before class. It will be helpful to have read the chapter a few times to familiarize yourself with the text. For your convenience a copy of each chapter of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude in the NASB and The Message version has been included with each chapter section of this workbook (courtesy of www.biblegateway.com).

The reason why I have included The Message version is for you to have an easier language to read. Readers beware: the theology of the translators will shade meanings in all versions and translations from the original Greek to fit biases, consciously or unconsciously.

In 9 weeks you will have gone through the book of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude to hopefully become familiar with not only the content, but also an encouragement to keep your faith strong for the Lord, to beware of false teachers, and the Second Coming of Christ, among other things.

May the grace of God be with you and may the Word of God be written on your heart.

Happily His and yours,

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NASB

1 Peter 1

A Living Hope, and a Sure Salvation

- ¹ ⁽¹⁾ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as ⁽²⁾ aliens, ⁽³⁾ scattered throughout ⁽⁴⁾ Pontus, ⁽⁵⁾ Galatia, ⁽⁶⁾ Cappadocia, ⁽⁷⁾ Asia, and ⁽⁸⁾ Bithynia, ⁽⁹⁾ who are chosen
- ² according to the ⁽¹⁰⁾ foreknowledge of God the Father, ⁽¹¹⁾ by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to ⁽¹²⁾ obey Jesus Christ and be ⁽¹³⁾ sprinkled with His blood: ⁽¹⁴⁾ May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.
- ³ ⁽¹⁵⁾ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ⁽¹⁶⁾ according to His great mercy ⁽¹⁷⁾ has caused us to be born again to ⁽¹⁸⁾ a living hope through the ⁽¹⁹⁾ resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- ⁴ to obtain an ⁽²⁰⁾ inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and ⁽²¹⁾ will not fade away, ⁽²²⁾ reserved in heaven for you,
- ⁵ who are ⁽²³⁾ protected by the power of God ⁽²⁴⁾ through faith for ⁽²⁵⁾ a salvation ready ⁽²⁶⁾ to be revealed in the last time.
- ⁶ ⁽²⁷⁾ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now ⁽²⁸⁾ for a little while, ⁽²⁹⁾ if necessary, you have been distressed by ⁽³⁰⁾ various trials,
- ⁷ so that the ⁽³¹⁾ proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, ⁽³²⁾ even though tested by fire, ⁽³³⁾ may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at ⁽³⁴⁾ the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- ⁸ and ⁽³⁵⁾ though you have not seen Him, you ⁽³⁶⁾ love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
- ⁹ obtaining as ⁽³⁷⁾ the outcome of your faith the salvation of ⁽¹⁾ your souls.
- ¹⁰ ⁽³⁸⁾ As to this salvation, the prophets who ⁽³⁹⁾ prophesied of the ⁽⁴⁰⁾ grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,
- ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time ⁽⁴¹⁾ the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He ⁽⁴²⁾ predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.
- ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who ⁽⁴³⁾ preached the gospel to you by ⁽⁴⁴⁾ the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things into which ⁽⁴⁵⁾ angels long to look.
- ¹³ Therefore, ⁽⁴⁶⁾ prepare your minds for action, ⁽⁴⁷⁾ keep sober in spirit, fix your ⁽⁴⁸⁾ hope completely on the ⁽⁴⁹⁾ grace to be brought to you at ⁽⁵⁰⁾ the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁴ As ⁽⁵¹⁾ obedient children, do not ⁽⁵²⁾ be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ⁽⁵³⁾ ignorance,
- ¹⁵ but ⁽⁵⁴⁾ like the Holy One who called you, ⁽⁵⁵⁾ be holy yourselves also ⁽⁵⁶⁾ in all your behavior;
- ¹⁶ because it is written, "⁽⁵⁷⁾ YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."
- ¹⁷ If you ⁽⁵⁸⁾ address as Father the One who ⁽⁵⁹⁾ impartially ⁽⁶⁰⁾ judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves ⁽⁶¹⁾ in fear during the time of your ⁽⁶²⁾ stay

on earth;

¹⁸ knowing that you were not ⁽⁶³⁾ redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your ⁽⁶⁴⁾ futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

¹⁹ but with precious ⁽⁶⁵⁾ blood, as of a ⁽⁶⁶⁾ lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

²⁰ For He was ⁽⁶⁷⁾ foreknown before ⁽⁶⁸⁾ the foundation of the world, but has ⁽⁶⁹⁾ appeared in these last times ⁽⁷⁰⁾ for the sake of you

²¹ who through Him are ⁽⁷¹⁾ believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and ⁽⁷²⁾ gave Him glory, so that your faith and ⁽⁷³⁾ hope are in God.

²² Since you have ⁽⁷⁴⁾ in obedience to the truth ⁽⁷⁵⁾ purified your souls for a ⁽⁷⁶⁾ sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from ^[2] the heart,

²³ for you have been ⁽⁷⁷⁾ born again ⁽⁷⁸⁾ not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring ⁽⁷⁹⁾ word of God.

²⁴ For,

"⁽⁸⁰⁾ ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,
AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS.
THE GRASS WITHERS,
AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

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⁽⁸¹⁾ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER."

And this is ⁽⁸²⁾ the word which was preached to you.

Footnotes

1. One early ms does not contain your
2. Two early mss read a clean heart

Show cross-references

1. [2 Pet 1:1](#)
2. [1 Pet 2:11](#)
3. [James 1:1](#)
4. [Acts 2:9](#)
5. [Acts 16:6](#)
6. [Acts 2:9](#)
7. [Acts 2:9](#)
8. [Acts 16:7](#)
9. [Matt 24:22; Luke 18:7](#)
10. [Rom 8:29; 1 Pet 1:20](#)
11. [2 Thess 2:13](#)
12. [1 Pet 1:14, 22](#)
13. [Heb 10:22; 12:24](#)
14. [2 Pet 1:2](#)
15. [2 Cor 1:3](#)
16. [Gal 6:16; Titus 3:5](#)
17. [James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:23](#)
18. [1 Pet 1:13, 21; 3:5, 15; 1 John 3:3](#)

19. [1 Cor 15:20; 1 Pet 3:21](#)
20. [Acts 20:32; Rom 8:17; Col 3:24](#)
21. [1 Pet 5:4](#)
22. [2 Tim 4:8](#)
23. [John 10:28; Phil 4:7](#)
24. [Eph 2:8](#)
25. [1 Cor 1:21; 2 Thess 2:13](#)
26. [1 Pet 4:13; 5:1](#)
27. [Rom 5:2](#)
28. [1 Pet 5:10](#)
29. [1 Pet 3:17](#)
30. [James 1:2; 1 Pet 4:12](#)
31. [James 1:3](#)
32. [1 Cor 3:13](#)
33. [Rom 2:7](#)
34. [Luke 17:30; 1 Pet 1:13; 4:13](#)
35. [John 20:29](#)
36. [Eph 3:19](#)
37. [Rom 6:22](#)
38. [Matt 13:17; Luke 10:24](#)
39. [Matt 26:24](#)
40. [1 Pet 1:13](#)
41. [2 Pet 1:21](#)
42. [Matt 26:24](#)
43. [1 Pet 1:25; 4:6](#)
44. [Acts 2:2-4](#)
45. [1 Tim 3:16](#)
46. [Eph 6:14](#)
47. [1 Thess 5:6, 8; 2 Tim 4:5; 1 Pet 4:7; 5:8](#)
48. [1 Pet 1:3](#)
49. [1 Pet 1:10](#)
50. [1 Pet 1:7](#)
51. [1 Pet 1:2](#)
52. [Rom 12:2; 1 Pet 4:2f](#)
53. [Eph 4:18](#)
54. [1 Thess 4:7; 1 John 3:3](#)
55. [2 Cor 7:1](#)
56. [James 3:13](#)
57. [Lev 11:44f; 19:2; 20:7](#)
58. [Ps 89:26; Jer 3:19; Matt 6:9](#)
59. [Acts 10:34](#)
60. [Matt 16:27](#)
61. [2 Cor 7:1; Heb 12:28; 1 Pet 3:15](#)
62. [1 Pet 2:11](#)
63. [Is 52:3; 1 Cor 6:20; Titus 2:14; Heb 9:12](#)
64. [Eph 4:17](#)

65. [Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 1:2](#)
66. [John 1:29](#)
67. [Acts 2:23; Eph 1:4; 1 Pet 1:2; Rev 13:8](#)
68. [Matt 25:34](#)
69. [Heb 9:26](#)
70. [Heb 2:14](#)
71. [Rom 4:24; 10:9](#)
72. [John 17:5, 24; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 2:9](#)
73. [1 Pet 1:3](#)
74. [1 Pet 1:2](#)
75. [James 4:8](#)
76. [John 13:34; Rom 12:10; Heb 13:1; 1 Pet 2:17; 3:8](#)
77. [John 3:3; 1 Pet 1:3](#)
78. [John 1:13](#)
79. [Heb 4:12](#)
80. [Is 40:6ff; James 1:10f](#)
81. [Is 40:8](#)
82. [Heb 6:5](#)

The Message

1 Peter 1

¹I, Peter, am an apostle on assignment by Jesus, the Messiah, writing to exiles scattered to the four winds. Not one is missing, not one forgotten. ²God the Father has his eye on each of you, and has determined by the work of the Spirit to keep you obedient through the sacrifice of Jesus. May everything good from God be yours!

A New Life

³What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, ⁴including a future in heaven--and the future starts now! ⁵God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all--life healed and whole.

⁶I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. ⁷Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

⁸You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him--with laughter and singing. ⁹Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

¹⁰The prophets who told us this was coming asked a lot of questions about this gift of life God was preparing. ¹¹The Messiah's Spirit let them in on some of it--that the Messiah would experience suffering, followed by glory. They clamored to know who and when. ¹²All they were told was that they were serving you, you who by orders from heaven have now heard for yourselves--through the Holy Spirit--the Message of those prophecies fulfilled. Do you realize how fortunate you are? Angels would have given anything to be in on this!

A Future in God

¹³So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. ¹⁴Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. ¹⁵As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. ¹⁶God said, "I am holy; you be holy."

¹⁷You call out to God for help and he helps--he's a good Father that way. But don't forget, he's also a responsible Father, and won't let you get by with sloppy living.

Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God. ¹⁸It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in.

¹⁹He paid with Christ's sacred blood, you know. He died like an unblemished,

sacrificial lamb. ²⁰And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately--at the end of the ages--become public knowledge, God always knew he was going to do this for you. ²¹It's because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.

²²Now that you've cleaned up your lives by following the truth, love one another as if your lives depended on it. ²³Your new life is not like your old life. Your old birth came from mortal sperm; your new birth comes from God's living Word. Just think: a life conceived by God himself! ²⁴That's why the prophet said,

The old life is a grass life,
its beauty as short-lived as wildflowers;
Grass dries up, flowers droop,
²⁵God's Word goes on and on forever.

This is the Word that conceived the new life in you.

1 Peter 1

EPISTOLARY OPENING. 1:1, 2

I. FIRST DOCTRINAL SECTION. 1:3-12.

The greatness of the salvation which belongs to the Christian. It is a salvation worth suffering for.

II. FIRST HORTATORY SECTION. 1:13 – 2:2

A. Hope. v. 13

B. Holiness. v. 14-16

C. Reverence. v. 17-21

D. Love. 1:22 – 2:2

Memory Verses

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Questions

1. Do you think an apostolic greeting is or is not significant? What are your reasons why or why not?

2. To whom is this letter addressed? Define what is meant by “aliens.”

3. In verse 2 it talks about foreknowledge. What is your belief concerning this subject? Give verses to support your position.

4. In your own words, what is the theme of this doctrinal section?

5. How does the Holy spirit sanctify? Give verses to support your position.

6. What would you say is God's great mercy to us mentioned in verse 3? Give verses.

7. How do you think God has "caused us to be born again"? Give verses.

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1 Peter 2

As Newborn Babies

¹ Therefore, ⁽¹⁾ putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all ⁽²⁾ slander,
² ⁽³⁾ like newborn babies, long for the ⁽⁴⁾ pure milk of the word, so that by it you may ⁽⁵⁾ grow in respect to salvation,
³ if you have ⁽⁶⁾ tasted ⁽⁷⁾ the kindness of the Lord.

As Living Stones

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been ⁽⁸⁾ rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,
⁵ ⁽⁹⁾ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a ⁽¹⁰⁾ spiritual house for a holy ⁽¹¹⁾ priesthood, to ⁽¹²⁾ offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For this is contained in Scripture:

"⁽¹³⁾ BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A ⁽¹⁴⁾ PRECIOUS CORNER stone,
AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

⁷ ⁽¹⁵⁾ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve,

"⁽¹⁶⁾ THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS ⁽¹⁷⁾ REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"

⁸ and,

"⁽¹⁸⁾ A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE";
⁽¹⁹⁾ for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, ⁽²⁰⁾ and to this doom they were also appointed.

⁹ But you are ⁽²¹⁾ A CHOSEN RACE, A royal ⁽²²⁾ PRIESTHOOD, A ⁽²³⁾ HOLY NATION, ⁽²⁴⁾ A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you ⁽²⁵⁾ out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ ⁽²⁶⁾ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

¹¹ ⁽²⁷⁾ Beloved, ⁽²⁸⁾ I urge you as ⁽²⁹⁾ aliens and strangers to abstain from ⁽³⁰⁾ fleshly lusts which wage ⁽³¹⁾ war against the soul.

¹² ⁽³²⁾ Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they ⁽³³⁾ slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, ⁽³⁴⁾ glorify God ⁽³⁵⁾ in the day of ⁽¹⁾ visitation.

Honor Authority

¹³ ⁽³⁶⁾ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him ⁽³⁷⁾ for the punishment of evildoers and the ⁽³⁸⁾ praise of those who do right.

¹⁵ For ⁽³⁹⁾ such is the will of God that by doing right you may ⁽⁴⁰⁾ silence the ignorance of foolish men.

¹⁶ Act as ⁽⁴¹⁾ free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as ⁽⁴²⁾ bondslaves of God.

¹⁷ ⁽⁴³⁾ Honor all people, ⁽⁴⁴⁾ love the brotherhood, ⁽⁴⁵⁾ fear God, ⁽⁴⁶⁾ honor the king.

¹⁸ ⁽⁴⁷⁾ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and ⁽⁴⁸⁾ gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

¹⁹ For this finds favor, if for the sake of ⁽⁴⁹⁾ conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if ⁽⁵⁰⁾ when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

Christ Is Our Example

²¹ For ⁽⁵¹⁾ you have been called for this purpose, ⁽⁵²⁾ since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you ⁽⁵³⁾ an example for you to follow in His steps,

²² WHO ⁽⁵⁴⁾ COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

²³ and while being ⁽⁵⁵⁾ reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴ and He Himself ⁽⁵⁶⁾ bore our sins in His body on the ⁽⁵⁷⁾ cross, so that we ⁽⁵⁸⁾ might die to sin and live to righteousness; for ⁽⁵⁹⁾ by His wounds you were ⁽⁶⁰⁾ healed.

²⁵ For you were ⁽⁶¹⁾ continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the ⁽⁶²⁾ Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Footnotes

1. I.e. Christ's coming again in judgment

Show cross-references

1. [Eph 4:22, 25, 31; James 1:21](#)
2. [James 4:11](#)
3. [Matt 18:3; 19:14; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17; 1 Cor 14:20](#)
4. [1 Cor 3:2](#)
5. [Eph 4:15f](#)
6. [Heb 6:5](#)
7. [Ps 34:8; Titus 3:4](#)
8. [1 Pet 2:7](#)
9. [1 Cor 3:9](#)
10. [Gal 6:10; 1 Tim 3:15](#)
11. [Is 61:6; 66:21; 1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6](#)

12. [Rom 15:16; Heb 13:15](#)
13. [Is 28:16; Rom 9:32, 33; 10:11; 1 Pet 2:8](#)
14. [Eph 2:20](#)
15. [2 Cor 2:16; 1 Pet 2:7, 8](#)
16. [Ps 118:22; Matt 21:42; Luke 2:34](#)
17. [1 Pet 2:4](#)
18. [Is 8:14](#)
19. [1 Cor 1:23; Gal 5:11](#)
20. [Rom 9:22](#)
21. [Is 43:20f; Deut 10:15](#)
22. [Is 61:6; 66:21; 1 Pet 2:5; Rev 1:6](#)
23. [Ex 19:6; Deut 7:6](#)
24. [Ex 19:5; Deut 4:20; 14:2; Titus 2:14](#)
25. [Is 9:2; 42:16; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor 4:6](#)
26. [Hos 1:10; 2:23; Rom 9:25; 10:19](#)
27. [Heb 6:9; 1 Pet 4:12](#)
28. [Rom 12:1](#)
29. [Lev 25:23; Ps 39:12; Eph 2:19; Heb 11:13; 1 Pet 1:17](#)
30. [Rom 13:14; Gal 5:16, 24](#)
31. [James 4:1](#)
32. [2 Cor 8:21; Phil 2:15; Titus 2:8; 1 Pet 2:15; 3:16](#)
33. [Acts 28:22](#)
34. [Matt 5:16; 9:8; John 13:31; 1 Pet 4:11, 16](#)
35. [Is 10:3; Luke 19:44](#)
36. [Rom 13:1](#)
37. [Rom 13:4](#)
38. [Rom 13:3](#)
39. [1 Pet 3:17](#)
40. [1 Pet 2:12](#)
41. [John 8:32; James 1:25](#)
42. [Rom 6:22; 1 Cor 7:22](#)
43. [Rom 12:10; 13:7](#)
44. [1 Pet 1:22](#)
45. [Prov 24:21](#)
46. [Matt 22:21; 1 Pet 2:13](#)
47. [Eph 6:5](#)
48. [James 3:17](#)
49. [Rom 13:5; 1 Pet 3:14, 16f](#)
50. [1 Pet 3:17](#)
51. [Acts 14:22; 1 Pet 3:9](#)
52. [1 Pet 3:18; 4:1, 13](#)
53. [Matt 11:29; 16:24](#)
54. [Is 53:9; 2 Cor 5:21](#)
55. [Is 53:7; Heb 12:3; 1 Pet 3:9](#)
56. [Is 53:4, 11; 1 Cor 15:3; Heb 9:28](#)
57. [Acts 5:30](#)

58. [Rom 6:2, 13](#)
59. [Is 53:5](#)
60. [Heb 12:13; James 5:16](#)
61. [Is 53:6](#)
62. [John 10:11; 1 Pet 5:4](#)

The Message

1 Peter 2

¹So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. ²Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

³You've had a taste of God.

The Stone

⁴Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workmen took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. ⁵Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God. ⁶The Scriptures provide precedent:

Look! I'm setting a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone in the place of honor.
Whoever trusts in this stone as a foundation
will never have cause to regret it.

⁷To you who trust him, he's a Stone to be proud of, but to those who refuse to trust him,

The stone the workmen threw out
is now the chief foundation stone.

⁸For the untrusting it's
. . . a stone to trip over,
a boulder blocking the way.

They trip and fall because they refuse to obey, just as predicted.

⁹But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you-- ¹⁰from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

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¹¹Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. ¹²Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.

¹³Make the Master proud of you by being good citizens. Respect the authorities, whatever their level; ¹⁴they are God's emissaries for keeping order. ¹⁵It is God's will that by doing good, you might cure the ignorance of the fools who think you're a danger to society. ¹⁶Exercise your freedom by serving God, not by breaking the rules. ¹⁷Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government.

The Kind of Life He Lived

¹⁸You who are servants, be good servants to your masters--not just to good masters, but also to bad ones. ¹⁹What counts is that you put up with it for God's sake when you're treated badly for no good reason. ²⁰There's no particular virtue in accepting punishment that you well deserve. But if you're treated badly for good behavior and continue in spite of it to be a good servant, that is what counts with God.

²¹This is the kind of life you've been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step.

²²He never did one thing wrong,
Not once said anything amiss.

²³They called him every name in the book and he said nothing back. He suffered in silence, content to let God set things right. ²⁴He used his servant body to carry our sins to the Cross so we could be rid of sin, free to live the right way. His wounds became your healing. ²⁵You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you're named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls.

CULTIVATE INNER BEAUTY

1 Peter 2

- II. **FIRST HORTATORY SECTION. 1:13 – 2:2**
 - D. **Love. 1:22 – 2:2**

- III. **SECOND DOCTRINAL SECTION. 2:3-10**
 - The church is the living temple of God.

- IV. **SECOND HORTATORY SECTION. 2:11 – 3:12**
 - A. **Conduct before Unbelievers. 2:11, 12**
 - B. **Submission before Civil Rulers. 2:13-17**
 - C. **Duties of Slaves to Master, enforced by the example of Christ. 2:18-25**

Memory Verses

1 Peter 2:9-11

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

Questions

1. What are some ways that Christians are to be like newborn babies?

2. How are we like living stones? Give verses to support your answer.

3. Explain how Jesus is a “stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. Give verses to support your answer.

4. What are some things that wage war against the soul? Why do they have this effect? Give verses to support your answer.

5. From the memory verses, look at the descriptions given for us. To whom were these descriptions originally given? Give verses.

6. Do the people from the previous question still hold those designations? Why or why not? Give verses to support your position.

7. How are Christians to act toward civil authorities?

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1 Peter 3

Godly Living

¹ (1) In the same way, you wives, ⁽²⁾ be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be ⁽³⁾ won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

³ (4) Your adornment must not be merely external--braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

⁴ but let it be ⁽⁵⁾ the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, ⁽⁶⁾ who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, ⁽⁷⁾ calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right ⁽⁸⁾ without being frightened by any fear.

⁷ (9) You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with ⁽¹⁰⁾ someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

⁸ To sum up, ⁽¹¹⁾ all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, ⁽¹²⁾ brotherly, ⁽¹³⁾ kindhearted, and ⁽¹⁴⁾ humble in spirit;

⁹ ⁽¹⁵⁾ not returning evil for evil or ⁽¹⁶⁾ insult for insult, but giving a ⁽¹⁷⁾ blessing instead; for ⁽¹⁸⁾ you were called for the very purpose that you might ⁽¹⁹⁾ inherit a blessing.

¹⁰ For,

"⁽²⁰⁾ THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.

¹¹

"⁽²¹⁾ HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

¹²

"⁽²²⁾ FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

¹³ (23) Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should ⁽²⁴⁾ suffer for the sake of righteousness, ⁽²⁵⁾ you are blessed. ⁽²⁶⁾ AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

¹⁵ but ^[1] sanctify ⁽²⁷⁾ Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready ⁽²⁸⁾ to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the ⁽²⁹⁾ hope that is in you, yet ⁽³⁰⁾ with gentleness and ⁽³¹⁾ reverence;

¹⁶ and keep a ⁽³²⁾ good conscience so that in the thing in which ⁽³³⁾ you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

¹⁷ For ⁽³⁴⁾ it is better, ⁽³⁵⁾ if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

¹⁸ For ⁽³⁶⁾ Christ also died for sins ⁽³⁷⁾ once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might ⁽³⁸⁾ bring us to God, having been put to death ⁽³⁹⁾ in the flesh, but made alive ⁽⁴⁰⁾ in the spirit;

¹⁹ in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, ²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the ⁽⁴¹⁾ patience of God ⁽⁴²⁾ kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of ⁽⁴³⁾ the ark, in which a few, that is, ⁽⁴⁴⁾ eight ⁽⁴⁵⁾ persons, were brought safely through the water.

²¹ ⁽⁴⁶⁾ Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--⁽⁴⁷⁾ not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a ⁽⁴⁸⁾ good conscience--through ⁽⁴⁹⁾ the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

²² ⁽⁵⁰⁾ who is at the right hand of God, ⁽⁵¹⁾ having gone into heaven, ⁽⁵²⁾ after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

Footnotes

1. I.e. set apart

Show cross-references

1. [1 Pet 3:7](#)
2. [Eph 5:22; Col 3:18](#)
3. [1 Cor 9:19](#)
4. [Is 3:18ff; 1 Tim 2:9](#)
5. [Rom 7:22](#)
6. [1 Tim 5:5; 1 Pet 1:3](#)
7. [Gen 18:12](#)
8. [1 Pet 3:14](#)
9. [Eph 5:25; Col 3:19](#)
10. [1 Thess 4:4](#)
11. [Rom 12:16](#)
12. [1 Pet 1:22](#)
13. [Eph 4:32](#)
14. [Eph 4:2; Phil 2:3; 1 Pet 5:5](#)
15. [Rom 12:17; 1 Thess 5:15](#)
16. [1 Cor 4:12; 1 Pet 2:23](#)
17. [Luke 6:28; Rom 12:14; 1 Cor 4:12](#)
18. [1 Pet 2:21](#)
19. [Gal 3:14; Heb 6:14; 12:17](#)
20. [Ps 34:12, 13](#)
21. [Ps 34:14](#)
22. [Ps 34:15, 16](#)
23. [Prov 16:7](#)
24. [Matt 5:10; 1 Pet 2:19ff; 4:15f](#)
25. [James 5:11](#)
26. [Is 8:12f; 1 Pet 3:6](#)

27. [1 Pet 1:3](#)
28. [Col 4:6](#)
29. [1 Pet 1:3](#)
30. [2 Tim 2:25](#)
31. [1 Pet 1:17](#)
32. [1 Tim 1:5; Heb 13:18; 1 Pet 3:21](#)
33. [1 Pet 2:12, 15](#)
34. [1 Pet 2:20; 4:15f](#)
35. [Acts 18:21; 1 Pet 1:6; 2:15; 4:19](#)
36. [1 Pet 2:21](#)
37. [Heb 9:26, 28; 10:10](#)
38. [Rom 5:2; Eph 3:12](#)
39. [Col 1:22; 1 Pet 4:1](#)
40. [1 Pet 4:6](#)
41. [Rom 2:4](#)
42. [Gen 6:3, 5, 13f](#)
43. [Heb 11:7](#)
44. [Gen 8:18; 2 Pet 2:5](#)
45. [Acts 2:41; 1 Pet 1:9, 22; 2:25; 4:19](#)
46. [Acts 16:33; Titus 3:5](#)
47. [Heb 9:14; 10:22](#)
48. [1 Tim 1:5; Heb 13:18; 1 Pet 3:16](#)
49. [1 Pet 1:3](#)
50. [Mark 16:19](#)
51. [Heb 4:14; 6:20](#)
52. [Rom 8:38f; Heb 1:6](#)

The Message

1 Peter 3

¹The same goes for you wives: Be good wives to your husbands, responsive to their needs. There are husbands who, indifferent as they are to any words about God, will be captivated ²by your life of holy beauty. ³What matters is not your outer appearance--the styling of your hair, the jewelry you wear, the cut of your clothes-- ⁴but your inner disposition.

Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle, gracious kind that God delights in. ⁵The holy women of old were beautiful before God that way, and were good, loyal wives to their husbands. ⁶Sarah, for instance, taking care of Abraham, would address him as "my dear husband." You'll be true daughters of Sarah if you do the same, unanxious and unintimidated.

⁷The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God's grace, you're equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don't run aground.

Suffering for Doing Good

⁸Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. ⁹That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless--that's your job, to bless. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing.

¹⁰Whoever wants to embrace life
and see the day fill up with good,
Here's what you do:

Say nothing evil or hurtful;

¹¹Snub evil and cultivate good;

run after peace for all you're worth.

¹²God looks on all this with approval,
listening and responding well to what he's asked;

But he turns his back
on those who do evil things.

¹³If with heart and soul you're doing good, do you think you can be stopped?

¹⁴Even if you suffer for it, you're still better off. Don't give the opposition a second thought. ¹⁵Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration

before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. ¹⁶Keep a

clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They'll end up realizing that they're the ones who need a bath. ¹⁷It's

better to suffer for doing good, if that's what God wants, than to be punished for doing bad. ¹⁸That's what Christ did definitively: suffered because of others' sins,

the Righteous One for the unrighteous ones. He went through it all--was put to

death and then made alive--to bring us to God.

¹⁹He went and proclaimed God's salvation to earlier generations who ended up in the prison of judgment ²⁰because they wouldn't listen. You know, even though God waited patiently all the days that Noah built his ship, only a few were saved then, eight to be exact--saved from the water by the water. ²¹The waters of baptism do that for you, not by washing away dirt from your skin but by presenting you through Jesus' resurrection before God with a clear conscience.

²²Jesus has the last word on everything and everyone, from angels to armies. He's standing right alongside God, and what he says goes.

1 Peter 3

IV. SECOND HORTATORY SECTION. 2:11 – 3:12

D. Duties of Wives to Husbands. 3:1-6

E. Duties of Husbands to Wives. 3:7

F. Duties of Christians to one Another. 3:8-12

V. THIRD DOCTRINAL SECTION. 3:13 – 4:6

The blessedness of suffering. It can open up whole new areas of service.

Memory Verses

1 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰ For,

"THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS,
MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING
DECEIT.

¹¹

"HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD;
HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

¹²

"FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS,
AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER,
BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

Questions

1. How are wives to act toward their husbands?

2. How are husbands to act toward their wives?

3. Why do you think more attention is paid to how the wives act toward their husbands as opposed to the way husbands act towards their wives?

4. How are we to act toward our fellow Christians?

5. What are the reasons we are to act in this manner? Give verses to support your position besides this chapter.

6. How much time do you give to keeping a ready defense for your faith? Why would that be important? Give verses.

7. What are some of the things to consider when presenting the gospel? Did Peter do those things? Give verses.

8. Have you ever been persecuted for your faith? If so, in what way? What was your reaction?

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1 Peter 4

Keep Fervent in Your Love

¹ Therefore, since ⁽¹⁾ Christ has ⁽¹⁾ suffered in the flesh, ⁽²⁾ arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because ⁽³⁾ he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

² ⁽⁴⁾ so as to live ⁽⁵⁾ the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the ⁽⁶⁾ will of God.

³ For ⁽⁷⁾ the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, ⁽⁸⁾ having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

⁴ In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of ⁽⁹⁾ dissipation, and they ⁽¹⁰⁾ malign you;

⁵ but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge ⁽¹¹⁾ the living and the dead.

⁶ For ⁽¹²⁾ the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

⁷ ⁽¹³⁾ The end of all things is near; therefore, ⁽¹⁴⁾ be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

⁸ Above all, ⁽¹⁵⁾ keep fervent in your love for one another, because ⁽¹⁶⁾ love covers a multitude of sins.

⁹ ⁽¹⁷⁾ Be hospitable to one another without ⁽¹⁸⁾ complaint.

¹⁰ ⁽¹⁹⁾ As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good ⁽²⁰⁾ stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹ ⁽²¹⁾ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the ⁽²²⁾ utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving ⁽²³⁾ by the strength which God supplies; so that ⁽²⁴⁾ in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, ⁽²⁵⁾ to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Share the Sufferings of Christ

¹² ⁽²⁶⁾ Beloved, do not be surprised at the ⁽²⁷⁾ fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

¹³ but to the degree that you ⁽²⁸⁾ share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the ⁽²⁹⁾ revelation of His glory ⁽³⁰⁾ you may rejoice with exultation.

¹⁴ If you are reviled ⁽³¹⁾ for the name of Christ, ⁽³²⁾ you are blessed, ⁽³³⁾ because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

¹⁵ Make sure that ⁽³⁴⁾ none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a ⁽³⁵⁾ troublesome meddler;

¹⁶ but if anyone suffers as a ⁽³⁶⁾ Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to ⁽³⁷⁾

glorify God in this name.

¹⁷ For it is time for judgment ⁽³⁸⁾ to begin with ⁽³⁹⁾ the household of God; and if it ⁽⁴⁰⁾ begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those ⁽⁴¹⁾ who do not obey the ⁽⁴²⁾ gospel of God?

¹⁸ ⁽⁴³⁾ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE ⁽⁴⁴⁾ GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

¹⁹ Therefore, those also who suffer according to ⁽⁴⁵⁾ the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Footnotes

1. I.e. suffered death

Show cross-references

1. [1 Pet 2:21](#)
2. [Eph 6:13](#)
3. [Rom 6:7](#)
4. [Rom 6:2; Col 3:3](#)
5. [1 Pet 1:14](#)
6. [Mark 3:35](#)
7. [1 Cor 12:2](#)
8. [Rom 13:13; Eph 2:2; 4:17ff](#)
9. [Eph 5:18](#)
10. [1 Pet 3:16](#)
11. [Acts 10:42; Rom 14:9; 2 Tim 4:1](#)
12. [1 Pet 3:18](#)
13. [Rom 13:11; Heb 9:26; James 5:8; 1 John 2:18](#)
14. [1 Pet 1:13](#)
15. [1 Pet 1:22](#)
16. [Prov 10:12; 1 Cor 13:4ff; James 5:20](#)
17. [1 Tim 3:2; Heb 13:2](#)
18. [Phil 2:14](#)
19. [Rom 12:6f](#)
20. [1 Cor 4:1](#)
21. [1 Thess 2:4; Titus 2:1, 15; Heb 13:7](#)
22. [Acts 7:38](#)
23. [Eph 1:19; 6:10](#)
24. [1 Cor 10:31; 1 Pet 2:12](#)
25. [Rom 11:36; 1 Pet 5:11; Rev 1:6; 5:13](#)
26. [1 Pet 2:11](#)
27. [1 Pet 1:6f](#)
28. [Rom 8:17; 2 Cor 1:5; 4:10; Phil 3:10](#)
29. [2 Tim 2:12](#)
30. [1 Pet 1:7; 5:1](#)
31. [John 15:21; Heb 11:26; 1 Pet 4:16](#)
32. [Matt 5:11; Luke 6:22; Acts 5:41](#)

33. [2 Cor 4:10f, 16](#)
34. [1 Pet 2:19f; 3:17](#)
35. [1 Thess 4:11; 2 Thess 3:11; 1 Tim 5:13](#)
36. [Acts 5:41; 28:22; James 2:7](#)
37. [1 Pet 4:11](#)
38. [Jer 25:29; Ezek 9:6; Amos 3:2](#)
39. [1 Tim 3:15; Heb 3:6; 1 Pet 2:5](#)
40. [Rom 2:9](#)
41. [2 Thess 1:8](#)
42. [Rom 1:1](#)
43. [Prov 11:31; Luke 23:31](#)
44. [1 Tim 1:9](#)
45. [1 Pet 3:17](#)

The Message

1 Peter 4

Learn to Think Like Him

¹Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more, learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. ²Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want.

³You've already put in your time in that God-ignorant way of life, partying night after night, a drunken and profligate life. Now it's time to be done with it for good.

⁴Of course, your old friends don't understand why you don't join in with the old gang anymore. But you don't have to give an account to them. ⁵They're the ones who will be called on the carpet--and before God himself.

⁶Listen to the Message. It was preached to those believers who are now dead, and yet even though they died (just as all people must), they will still get in on the life that God has given in Jesus.

⁷Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. ⁸Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. ⁹Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless--cheerfully. ¹⁰Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: ¹¹if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything--encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

Glory Just Around the Corner

¹²Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. ¹³Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.

¹⁴If you're abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It's the Spirit of God and his glory in you that brought you to the notice of others. ¹⁵If they're on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that's a different matter.

¹⁶But if it's because you're a Christian, don't give it a second thought. Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!

¹⁷It's judgment time for Christians. We're first in line. If it starts with us, think what it's going to be like for those who refuse God's Message!

¹⁸If good people barely make it,
What's in store for the bad?

¹⁹So if you find life difficult because you're doing what God said, take it in stride. Trust him. He knows what he's doing, and he'll keep on doing it.

1 Peter 4

- V. **THIRD DOCTRINAL SECTION. 3:13 – 4:6**
The blessedness of suffering. It can open up whole new areas of service.
- VI. **THIRD HORTATORY SECTION. 4:7 – 5:9**
A. **Practical Exhortation to be Helpful. 4:7-11**
B. **Don't be Surprised if you are Called on to Suffer. 4:12-19**

Memory Verses

1 Peter 4:9-11

⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

¹⁰ As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Questions

1. What purpose are we to arm ourselves? Why would this be important?

2. How are we to live our Christian walk?

3. What is the purpose of prayer? Give verses besides this chapter.

4. What does love do for us? Give verses to support your position.

**5. Are Christians supposed to be surprised when they are persecuted?
Why or why not?**

6. How are you prepared for persecution? Why or why not?

7. What four things are Christians never to do listed in this chapter?

8. What do you think about Christians being in the armed forces?

**9. Are Christians judged? Why or Why not? Give verses to defend your
position.**

**10. To whom are we to entrust our souls? Is He trustworthy? Why or why
not? Give verses.**

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1 Peter 5

Serve God Willingly

¹ ⁽¹⁾ Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your ⁽²⁾ fellow elder and ⁽³⁾ witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a ⁽⁴⁾ partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

² shepherd ⁽⁵⁾ the flock of God among you, exercising oversight ⁽⁶⁾ not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and ⁽⁷⁾ not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

³ nor yet as ⁽⁸⁾ lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be ⁽⁹⁾ examples to the flock.

⁴ And when the Chief ⁽¹⁰⁾ Shepherd appears, you will receive the ⁽¹¹⁾ unfading ⁽¹²⁾ crown of glory.

⁵ ⁽¹³⁾ You younger men, likewise, ⁽¹⁴⁾ be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with ⁽¹⁵⁾ humility toward one another, for ⁽¹⁶⁾ GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

⁶ Therefore ⁽¹⁷⁾ humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

⁷ casting all your ⁽¹⁸⁾ anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

⁸ ⁽¹⁹⁾ Be of sober spirit, ⁽²⁰⁾ be on the alert. Your adversary, ⁽²¹⁾ the devil, prowls around like a roaring ⁽²²⁾ lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹ ⁽²³⁾ But resist him, ⁽²⁴⁾ firm in your faith, knowing that ⁽²⁵⁾ the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

¹⁰ After you have suffered ⁽²⁶⁾ for a little while, the ⁽²⁷⁾ God of all grace, who ⁽²⁸⁾ called you to His ⁽²⁹⁾ eternal glory in Christ, will Himself ⁽³⁰⁾ perfect, ⁽³¹⁾ confirm, strengthen and establish you.

¹¹ ⁽³²⁾ To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² Through ⁽³³⁾ Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), ⁽³⁴⁾ I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is ⁽³⁵⁾ the true grace of God. ⁽³⁶⁾ Stand firm in it!

¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, ⁽³⁷⁾ Mark.

¹⁴ ⁽³⁸⁾ Greet one another with a kiss of love. ⁽³⁹⁾ Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

Show cross-references

3. [Acts 11:30](#)
4. [2 John 1](#); [3 John 1](#)
5. [Luke 24:48](#); [Heb 12:1](#)
6. [1 Pet 1:5, 7](#); [4:13](#); [Rev 1:9](#)
7. [John 21:16](#); [Acts 20:28](#)
8. [Philem 14](#)

9. [1 Tim 3:8](#)
10. [Ezek 34:4; Matt 20:25f](#)
11. [John 13:15; Phil 3:17; 1 Thess 1:7; 2 Thess 3:9; 1 Tim 4:12; Titus 2:7](#)
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19. [Matt 23:12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; James 4:10](#)
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33. [Rom 16:25; 2 Thess 2:17; 3:3](#)
34. [Rom 11:36; 1 Pet 4:11](#)
35. [2 Cor 1:19](#)
36. [Heb 13:22](#)
37. [Acts 11:23; 1 Pet 1:13; 4:10](#)
38. [1 Cor 15:1](#)
39. [Acts 12:12, 25; Acts 15:37, 39; Col 4:10; Philem 24](#)
40. [Rom 16:16](#)
41. [Eph 6:23](#)

The Message

1 Peter 5

He'll Promote You at the Right Time

¹I have a special concern for you church leaders. I know what it's like to be a leader, in on Christ's sufferings as well as the coming glory. ²Here's my concern: that you care for God's flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. ³Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way.

⁴When God, who is the best shepherd of all, comes out in the open with his rule, he'll see that you've done it right and commend you lavishly. ⁵And you who are younger must follow your leaders. But all of you, leaders and followers alike, are to be down to earth with each other, for--

God has had it with the proud,
But takes delight in just plain people.

⁶So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; he'll promote you at the right time. ⁷Live carefree before God; he is most careful with you.

He Gets the Last Word

⁸Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. ⁹Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith. ¹⁰The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ--eternal and glorious plans they are!--will have you put together and on your feet for good.

¹¹He gets the last word; yes, he does.

¹²I'm sending this brief letter to you by Silas, a most dependable brother. I have the highest regard for him.

I've written as urgently and accurately as I know how. This is God's generous truth; embrace it with both arms!

¹³The church in exile here with me--but not for a moment forgotten by God--wants to be remembered to you. Mark, who is like a son to me, says hello. ¹⁴Give holy embraces all around! Peace to you--to all who walk in Christ's ways.

1 Peter 5

VI. THIRD HORTATORY SECTION. 4:7 – 5:9

C. Exhortation to Elders. 5:1-4

D. Exhortation to the Younger Members. 5:5a

E. Final Exhortation to Humility, to Serene Submission to the Mighty Hand of God, and to Watchfulness. 5:5b-9

Memory Verses

1 Peter 5:6-10

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

⁷ casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

⁸ Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

⁹ But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

Questions

1. Name the ways in which the elders are supposed to act. Give verses of other places where instructions concerning elders are located.

2. In the instructions given for the service of elders, what is the disposition in which Christians are to serve? Give verses.

3. How does God feel towards the proud? Give verses other than this chapter.

4. In what way are the younger men to act? Give verse of other place where instruction is given to youth.

5. How do we humble ourselves under God's mighty hand? Give other verses concerning humbleness.

6. How is the devil portrayed in this passage? What are some of the other figures he has been described as? Give verses.

7. Why do you think current churches do not employ the "holy kiss of love"? Do you think it is something we should do today?

8. What are some other practices performed in the early church that we currently do not do in our church? Give verses.

9. Do you think we should start doing those things again? Why or why not?

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2 Peter 1

Growth in Christian Virtue

¹ Simon Peter, a ⁽¹⁾ bond-servant and ⁽²⁾ apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received ⁽³⁾ a faith of the same kind as ours, by ⁽⁴⁾ the righteousness of ⁽⁵⁾ our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

² ⁽⁶⁾ Grace and peace be multiplied to you in ⁽⁷⁾ the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

³ seeing that His ⁽⁸⁾ divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true ⁽⁹⁾ knowledge of Him who ⁽¹⁰⁾ called us by His own glory and excellence.

⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent ⁽¹¹⁾ promises, so that by them you may become ⁽¹²⁾ partakers of the divine nature, having ⁽¹³⁾ escaped the ⁽¹⁴⁾ corruption that is in ⁽¹⁵⁾ the world by lust.

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith ⁽¹⁶⁾ supply ⁽¹⁷⁾ moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, ⁽¹⁸⁾ knowledge,

⁶ and in your knowledge, ⁽¹⁹⁾ self-control, and in your self-control, ⁽²⁰⁾ perseverance, and in your perseverance, ⁽²¹⁾ godliness,

⁷ and in your godliness, ⁽²²⁾ brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor ⁽²³⁾ unfruitful in the true ⁽²⁴⁾ knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ For he who lacks these qualities is ⁽²⁵⁾ blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his ⁽²⁶⁾ purification from his former sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His ⁽²⁷⁾ calling and ⁽²⁸⁾ choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never ⁽²⁹⁾ stumble;

¹¹ for in this way the entrance into ⁽³⁰⁾ the eternal kingdom of our ⁽³¹⁾ Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be ⁽³²⁾ abundantly ⁽³³⁾ supplied to you.

¹² Therefore, ⁽³⁴⁾ I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in ⁽³⁵⁾ the truth which is present with you.

¹³ I consider it ⁽³⁶⁾ right, as long as I am in ⁽³⁷⁾ this earthly dwelling, to ⁽³⁸⁾ stir you up by way of reminder,

¹⁴ knowing that ⁽³⁹⁾ the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, ⁽⁴⁰⁾ as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

¹⁵ And I will also be diligent that at any time after my ⁽⁴¹⁾ departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

Eyewitnesses

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised ⁽⁴²⁾ tales when we made known to you

the ⁽⁴³⁾ power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were ⁽⁴⁴⁾ eyewitnesses of His majesty.

¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an ⁽⁴⁵⁾ utterance as this was made to Him by the ⁽⁴⁶⁾ Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"--

¹⁸ and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the ⁽⁴⁷⁾ holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have ⁽⁴⁸⁾ the prophetic word made more ⁽⁴⁹⁾ sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to ⁽⁵⁰⁾ a lamp shining in a dark place, until the ⁽⁵¹⁾ day dawns and the ⁽⁵²⁾ morning star arises ⁽⁵³⁾ in your hearts.

²⁰ But ⁽⁵⁴⁾ know this first of all, that ⁽⁵⁵⁾ no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

²¹ for ⁽⁵⁶⁾ no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men ⁽⁵⁷⁾ moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Show cross-references

1. [Rom 1:1; Phil 1:1; James 1:1; Jude 1](#)
2. [1 Pet 1:1](#)
3. [Rom 1:12; 2 Cor 4:13; Titus 1:4](#)
4. [Rom 3:21-26](#)
5. [Titus 2:13](#)
6. [Rom 1:7; 1 Pet 1:2](#)
7. [John 17:3; Phil 3:8; 2 Pet 1:3, 8; 2:20; 3:18](#)
8. [1 Pet 1:5](#)
9. [John 17:3; Phil 3:8; 2 Pet 1:2, 8; 2:20; 3:18](#)
10. [1 Thess 2:12; 2 Thess 2:14; 1 Pet 5:10](#)
11. [2 Pet 3:9, 13](#)
12. [Eph 4:13, 24; Heb 12:10; 1 John 3:2](#)
13. [2 Pet 2:18, 20](#)
14. [2 Pet 2:19](#)
15. [James 1:27](#)
16. [2 Pet 1:11](#)
17. [2 Pet 1:3](#)
18. [Col 2:3; 2 Pet 1:2](#)
19. [Acts 24:25](#)
20. [Luke 21:19](#)
21. [2 Pet 1:3](#)
22. [Rom 12:10; 1 Pet 1:22](#)
23. [Col 1:10](#)
24. [John 17:3; Phil 3:8; 2 Pet 1:2, 3; 2:20; 3:18](#)
25. [1 John 2:11](#)
26. [Eph 5:26; Titus 2:14](#)
27. [Matt 22:14; Rom 11:29; 2 Pet 1:3](#)
28. [1 Thess 1:4](#)
29. [James 2:10; 2 Pet 3:17; Jude 24](#)

30. [2 Tim 4:18](#)
31. [2 Pet 2:20; 3:18](#)
32. [Rom 2:4; 1 Tim 6:17](#)
33. [2 Pet 1:5](#)
34. [Phil 3:1; 1 John 2:21; Jude 5](#)
35. [Col 1:5f; 2 John 2](#)
36. [Phil 1:7](#)
37. [2 Cor 5:1, 4; 2 Pet 1:14](#)
38. [2 Pet 3:1](#)
39. [2 Cor 5:1; 2 Tim 4:6](#)
40. [John 13:36; 21:19](#)
41. [Luke 9:31](#)
42. [1 Tim 1:4; 2 Pet 2:3](#)
43. [Mark 13:26; 14:62; 1 Thess 2:19](#)
44. [Matt 17:1ff; Mark 9:2ff; Luke 9:28ff](#)
45. [Matt 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35](#)
46. [Heb 1:3](#)
47. [Ex 3:5; Josh 5:15](#)
48. [1 Pet 1:10f](#)
49. [Heb 2:2](#)
50. [Ps 119:105](#)
51. [Luke 1:78](#)
52. [Rev 22:16](#)
53. [2 Cor 4:6](#)
54. [2 Pet 3:3](#)
55. [Rom 12:6](#)
56. [Jer 23:26; 2 Tim 3:16](#)
57. [2 Sam 23:2; Luke 1:70; Acts 1:16; 3:18; 1 Pet 1:11](#)

The Message

2 Peter 1

¹I, Simon Peter, am a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ. I write this to you whose experience with God is as life-changing as ours, all due to our God's straight dealing and the intervention of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ²Grace and peace to you many times over as you deepen in your experience with God and Jesus, our Master.

Don't Put It Off

³Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! ⁴We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you--your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

⁵So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, ⁶alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, ⁷warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. ⁸With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.

⁹Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

¹⁰So, friends, confirm God's invitation to you, his choice of you. Don't put it off; do it now. Do this, and you'll have your life on a firm footing, ¹¹the streets paved and the way wide open into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The One Light in a Dark Time

¹²Because the stakes are so high, even though you're up-to-date on all this truth and practice it inside and out, I'm not going to let up for a minute in calling you to attention before it. ¹³This is the post to which I've been assigned--keeping you alert with frequent reminders--and I'm sticking to it as long as I live. ¹⁴I know that I'm to die soon; the Master has made that quite clear to me. ¹⁵And so I am especially eager that you have all this down in black and white so that after I die, you'll have it for ready reference.

¹⁶We weren't, you know, just wishing on a star when we laid the facts out before you regarding the powerful return of our Master, Jesus Christ. We were there for the preview! We saw it with our own eyes: ¹⁷Jesus resplendent with light from God the Father as the voice of Majestic Glory spoke: "This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of all my delight." ¹⁸We were there on the holy mountain with him. We heard the voice out of heaven with our very own ears.

¹⁹We couldn't be more sure of what we saw and heard--God's glory, God's voice. The prophetic Word was confirmed to us. You'll do well to keep focusing on it. It's the one light you have in a dark time as you wait for daybreak and the rising of the Morning Star in your hearts. ²⁰The main thing to keep in mind here is that no

prophecy of Scripture is a matter of private opinion. ²¹And why? Because it's not something concocted in the human heart. Prophecy resulted when the Holy Spirit prompted men and women to speak God's Word.

2 Peter 1

Signature, Address, and Greeting. 1:1, 2

- I. THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST. 1:3-21**
 - A. Completeness of this Knowledge. v. 3, 4**
 - B. Qualities of Life to Complement what Christ Has Done. v. 5-11**
 - C. The Inerrant Sources of Full Knowledge about Jesus Christ. v.12-21**
 - The Truth already present with them. v.12**
 - The Apostle Peter's testimony – both oral and written. v.13-18**
 - The Old Testament prophecies. v.19-21**

Memory Verses

2 Peter 1:5-9

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,
⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,
⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.
⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁹ For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

Questions

1. How do we get faith? Give verses.

2. What makes our faith grow? Give verses.

3. What kind of promises have we been given by God? Name some of them. Give verses.

4. How did corruption get into the world? What makes you think so? Give verses to support your position.

5. What are the building blocks for growth in Christian virtue?

6. Can you fall from grace? Give verses to support your position.

7. What is Peter's "earthly dwelling" in verse 13? What are some verses concerning our earthly dwellings?

8. Explain what you think verse 19 means about "the morning star arises in your hearts."

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2 Peter 2

The Rise of False Prophets

¹ But ⁽¹⁾ false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be ⁽²⁾ false teachers ⁽³⁾ among you, who will ⁽⁴⁾ secretly introduce ⁽⁵⁾ destructive heresies, even ⁽⁶⁾ denying the ⁽⁷⁾ Master who ⁽⁸⁾ bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

² Many will follow their ⁽⁹⁾ sensuality, and because of them ⁽¹⁰⁾ the way of the truth will be ⁽¹¹⁾ maligned;

³ and in their ⁽¹²⁾ greed they will ⁽¹³⁾ exploit you with ⁽¹⁴⁾ false words; ⁽¹⁵⁾ their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

⁴ For ⁽¹⁶⁾ if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and ⁽¹⁷⁾ committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

⁵ and did not spare ⁽¹⁸⁾ the ancient world, but preserved ⁽¹⁹⁾ Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a ⁽²⁰⁾ flood upon the world of the ungodly;

⁶ and if He ⁽²¹⁾ condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an ⁽²²⁾ example to those who would ⁽²³⁾ live ungodly lives thereafter;

⁷ and if He ⁽²⁴⁾ rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the ⁽²⁵⁾ sensual conduct of ⁽²⁶⁾ unprincipled men

⁸ (for by what he saw and heard that ⁽²⁷⁾ righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),

⁹ ⁽²⁸⁾ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the ⁽²⁹⁾ day of judgment,

¹⁰ and especially those who ⁽³⁰⁾ indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and ⁽³¹⁾ despise authority. Daring, ⁽³²⁾ self-willed, they do not tremble when they ⁽³³⁾ revile angelic majesties,

¹¹ ⁽³⁴⁾ whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

¹² But ⁽³⁵⁾ these, like unreasoning animals, ⁽³⁶⁾ born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

¹³ suffering wrong as ⁽³⁷⁾ the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to ⁽³⁸⁾ revel in the ⁽³⁹⁾ daytime. They are stains and blemishes, ⁽⁴⁰⁾ reveling in their ^[1] deceptions, as they ⁽⁴¹⁾ carouse with you,

¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, ⁽⁴²⁾ enticing ⁽⁴³⁾ unstable souls, having a heart trained in ⁽⁴⁴⁾ greed, ⁽⁴⁵⁾ accursed children;

¹⁵ forsaking ⁽⁴⁶⁾ the right way, they have gone astray, having followed ⁽⁴⁷⁾ the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved ⁽⁴⁸⁾ the wages of unrighteousness;

¹⁶ but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, ⁽⁴⁹⁾ for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

¹⁷ These are ⁽⁵⁰⁾ springs without water and mists driven by a storm, ⁽⁵¹⁾ for whom

the black darkness has been reserved.

¹⁸ For speaking out ⁽⁵²⁾ arrogant words of ⁽⁵³⁾ vanity they ⁽⁵⁴⁾ entice by fleshly desires, by ⁽⁵⁵⁾ sensuality, those who barely ⁽⁵⁶⁾ escape from the ones who live in error,

¹⁹ promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for ⁽⁵⁷⁾ by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

²⁰ For if, after they have ⁽⁵⁸⁾ escaped the defilements of the world by ⁽⁵⁹⁾ the knowledge of the ⁽⁶⁰⁾ Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again ⁽⁶¹⁾ entangled in them and are overcome, ⁽⁶²⁾ the last state has become worse for them than the first.

²¹ ⁽⁶³⁾ For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from ⁽⁶⁴⁾ the holy commandment ⁽⁶⁵⁾ handed on to them.

²² It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "⁽⁶⁶⁾ A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

Footnotes

1. One early ms reads love feasts

Show cross-references

1. [Deut 13:1ff; Jer 6:13](#)
2. [2 Cor 11:13](#)
3. [Matt 7:15; 1 Tim 4:1](#)
4. [Gal 2:4; Jude 4](#)
5. [1 Cor 11:19; Gal 5:20](#)
6. [Jude 4](#)
7. [Rev 6:10](#)
8. [1 Cor 6:20](#)
9. [Gen 19:5ff; 2 Pet 2:7, 18; Jude 4](#)
10. [Acts 16:17; 22:4; 24:14](#)
11. [Rom 2:24](#)
12. [1 Tim 6:5; 2 Pet 2:14; Jude 16](#)
13. [2 Cor 2:17; 1 Thess 2:5](#)
14. [Rom 16:18; 2 Pet 1:16](#)
15. [Deut 32:35](#)
16. [Jude 6](#)
17. [Rev 20:1f](#)
18. [Ezek 26:20; 2 Pet 3:6](#)
19. [Gen 6:8, 9; 1 Pet 3:20](#)
20. [2 Pet 3:6](#)
21. [Gen 19:24; Jude 7](#)
22. [Is 1:9; Matt 10:15; 11:23; Rom 9:29; Jude 7](#)
23. [Jude 15](#)
24. [Gen 19:16, 29](#)

25. [Gen 19:5ff; 2 Pet 2:2, 18; Jude 4](#)
26. [2 Pet 3:17](#)
27. [Heb 11:4](#)
28. [1 Cor 10:13; Rev 3:10](#)
29. [Matt 10:15; Jude 6](#)
30. [2 Pet 3:3; Jude 16, 18](#)
31. [Ex 22:28; Jude 8](#)
32. [Titus 1:7](#)
33. [Ex 22:28; Jude 8](#)
34. [Jude 9](#)
35. [Jude 10](#)
36. [Jer 12:3; Col 2:22](#)
37. [2 Pet 2:15](#)
38. [Rom 13:13](#)
39. [1 Thess 5:7](#)
40. [Rom 13:13](#)
41. [1 Cor 11:21; Jude 12](#)
42. [2 Pet 2:18](#)
43. [James 1:8; 2 Pet 3:16](#)
44. [2 Pet 2:3](#)
45. [Eph 2:3](#)
46. [Acts 13:10](#)
47. [Num 22:5, 7; Deut 23:4; Neh 13:2; Jude 11; Rev 2:14](#)
48. [2 Pet 2:13](#)
49. [Num 22:21, 23, 28, 30ff](#)
50. [Jude 12](#)
51. [Jude 13](#)
52. [Jude 16](#)
53. [Eph 4:17](#)
54. [2 Pet 2:14](#)
55. [2 Pet 2:2](#)
56. [2 Pet 1:4; 2:20](#)
57. [John 8:34; Rom 6:16](#)
58. [2 Pet 2:18](#)
59. [2 Pet 1:2](#)
60. [2 Pet 1:11; 3:18](#)
61. [2 Tim 2:4](#)
62. [Matt 12:45; Luke 11:26](#)
63. [Ezek 18:24; Heb 6:4ff; 10:26f; James 4:17](#)
64. [Gal 6:2; 1 Tim 6:14; 2 Pet 3:2](#)
65. [Jude 3](#)
66. [Prov 26:11](#)

The Message

2 Peter 2

Lying Religious Leaders

¹But there were also lying prophets among the people then, just as there will be lying religious teachers among you. They'll smuggle in destructive divisions, pitting you against each other--biting the hand of the One who gave them a chance to have their lives back! They've put themselves on a fast downhill slide to destruction, ²but not before they recruit a crowd of mixed-up followers who can't tell right from wrong.

They give the way of truth a bad name. ³They're only out for themselves. They'll say anything, anything, that sounds good to exploit you. They won't, of course, get by with it. They'll come to a bad end, for God has never just stood by and let that kind of thing go on.

⁴God didn't let the rebel angels off the hook, but jailed them in hell till Judgment Day. ⁵Neither did he let the ancient ungodly world off. He wiped it out with a flood, rescuing only eight people--Noah, the sole voice of righteousness, was one of them.

⁶God decreed destruction for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. A mound of ashes was all that was left--grim warning to anyone bent on an ungodly life. ⁷But that good man Lot, driven nearly out of his mind by the sexual filth and perversity, was rescued. ⁸Surrounded by moral rot day after day after day, that righteous man was in constant torment.

⁹So God knows how to rescue the godly from evil trials. And he knows how to hold the feet of the wicked to the fire until Judgment Day.

Predators on the Prowl

¹⁰God is especially incensed against these "teachers" who live by lust, addicted to a filthy existence. They despise interference from true authority, preferring to indulge in self-rule. Insolent egotists, they don't hesitate to speak evil against the most splendid of creatures. ¹¹Even angels, their superiors in every way, wouldn't think of throwing their weight around like that, trying to slander others before God.

¹²These people are nothing but brute beasts, born in the wild, predators on the prowl. In the very act of bringing down others with their ignorant blasphemies, they themselves will be brought down, losers in the end. ¹³Their evil will boomerang on them. They're so despicable and addicted to pleasure that they indulge in wild parties, carousing in broad daylight. ¹⁴They're obsessed with adultery, compulsive in sin, seducing every vulnerable soul they come upon. Their specialty is greed, and they're experts at it. Dead souls!

¹⁵They've left the main road and are directionless, having taken the way of Balaam, son of Beor, the prophet who turned profiteer, a connoisseur of evil.

¹⁶But Balaam was stopped in his wayward tracks: A dumb animal spoke in a human voice and prevented the prophet's craziness.

¹⁷There's nothing to these people--they're dried-up fountains, storm-scattered clouds, headed for a black hole in hell. ¹⁸They are loudmouths, full of hot air, but still they're dangerous. Men and women who have recently escaped from a deviant life are most susceptible to their brand of seduction. ¹⁹They promise these newcomers freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption, for if they're addicted to corruption--and they are--they're enslaved.

²⁰If they've escaped from the slum of sin by experiencing our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ, and then slid back into that same old life again, they're worse than if they had never left. ²¹Better not to have started out on the straight road to God than to start out and then turn back, repudiating the experience and the holy command. ²²They prove the point of the proverbs, "A dog goes back to its own vomit," and, "A scrubbed-up pig heads for the mud."

2 Peter 2

- II. **CONCERNING FALSE TEACHERS. 2:1-22**
- A. **Prophetic Warning Portraying Coming False Teachers. v.1-3**
 - B. **Historical Proofs that God's Judgment is not Idle. v.4-10a**
 - Angels who sinned were punished. v.4
 - Ungodly people in Noah's time were punished. v.5
 - Ungodly in Sodom and Gomorrah were punished. v.6-8
 - Peter's Conclusion drawn from the 3 examples. v.9-10a

Memory Verses

2 Peter 2:1-3

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

² Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

³ and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

Questions

1. What are some indicators someone is a false teacher? Give verses.

2. How do you act towards a false teacher? Give verses.

3. What will you lose, if anything, if you follow after false teaching? Give verses.

4. What might Peter be thinking about when he writes about false teachers? (Hint: Think Jesus.) Give verses.

5. Does this passage address the subject of eternal security? What does it say regarding it? What are the verses from this chapter? Other Scripture?

6. Why do you think eternal security is such a hot topic? Is it relevant for today? What are your thoughts about it?

7. What are the examples given in this passage concerning God's judgment?

8. What do these examples teach about God's judgment? Give verses.

9. What kind of a judge is God? Give verses.

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2 Peter 3

Purpose of This Letter

¹ This is now, ⁽¹⁾ beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am ⁽²⁾ stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

² that you should ⁽³⁾ remember the words spoken beforehand by ⁽⁴⁾ the holy prophets and ⁽⁵⁾ the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

The Coming Day of the Lord

³ ⁽⁶⁾ Know this first of all, that ⁽⁷⁾ in the last days ⁽⁸⁾ mockers will come with their mocking, ⁽⁹⁾ following after their own lusts,

⁴ and saying, "⁽¹⁰⁾ Where is the promise of His ⁽¹¹⁾ coming? For ever since the fathers ⁽¹²⁾ fell asleep, all continues just as it was ⁽¹³⁾ from the beginning of creation."

⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that ⁽¹⁴⁾ by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was ⁽¹⁵⁾ formed out of water and by water,

⁶ through which ⁽¹⁶⁾ the world at that time was ⁽¹⁷⁾ destroyed, being flooded with water.

⁷ But by His word ⁽¹⁸⁾ the present heavens and earth are being reserved for ⁽¹⁹⁾ fire, kept for ⁽²⁰⁾ the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

⁸ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, ⁽²¹⁾ beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and ⁽²²⁾ a thousand years like one day.

⁹ ⁽²³⁾ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but ⁽²⁴⁾ is patient toward you, ⁽²⁵⁾ not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

A New Heaven and Earth

¹⁰ But ⁽²⁶⁾ the day of the Lord ⁽²⁷⁾ will come like a thief, in which ⁽²⁸⁾ the heavens ⁽²⁹⁾ will pass away with a roar and the ⁽³⁰⁾ elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and ⁽³¹⁾ the earth and its works will be ⁽³¹⁾ burned up.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

¹² ⁽³²⁾ looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which ⁽³³⁾ the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the ⁽³⁴⁾ elements will melt with intense heat!

¹³ But according to His ⁽³⁵⁾ promise we are looking for ⁽³⁶⁾ new heavens and a new earth, ⁽³⁷⁾ in which righteousness dwells.

14 ⁽³⁸⁾ Therefore, ⁽³⁹⁾ beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be ⁽⁴⁰⁾ found by Him in peace, ⁽⁴¹⁾ spotless and blameless,
 15 and regard the ⁽⁴²⁾ patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also ⁽⁴³⁾ our beloved brother Paul, ⁽⁴⁴⁾ according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,
 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of ⁽⁴⁵⁾ these things, ⁽⁴⁶⁾ in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and ⁽⁴⁷⁾ unstable distort, as they do also ⁽⁴⁸⁾ the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.
 17 You therefore, ⁽⁴⁹⁾ beloved, knowing this beforehand, ⁽⁵⁰⁾ be on your guard so that you are not carried away by ⁽⁵¹⁾ the error of ⁽⁵²⁾ unprincipled men and ⁽⁵³⁾ fall from your own steadfastness,
 18 but grow in the grace and ⁽⁵⁴⁾ knowledge of our ⁽⁵⁵⁾ Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ⁽⁵⁶⁾ To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Footnotes

42. Two early mss read discovered

Show cross-references

1. [1 Pet 2:11; 2 Pet 3:8, 14, 17](#)
2. [2 Pet 1:13](#)
3. [Jude 17](#)
4. [Luke 1:70; Acts 3:21; Eph 3:5](#)
5. [Gal 6:2; 1 Tim 6:14; 2 Pet 2:21](#)
6. [2 Pet 1:20](#)
7. [1 Tim 4:1; Heb 1:2](#)
8. [Jude 18](#)
9. [2 Pet 2:10](#)
10. [Is 5:19; Jer 17:15; Ezek 11:3; 12:22, 27; Mal 2:17; Matt 24:48](#)
11. [1 Thess 2:19; 2 Pet 3:12](#)
12. [Acts 7:60](#)
13. [Mark 10:6](#)
14. [Gen 1:6, 9; Heb 11:3](#)
15. [Ps 24:2; 136:6](#)
16. [2 Pet 2:5](#)
17. [Gen 7:11, 12, 21f](#)
18. [2 Pet 3:10, 12](#)
19. [Is 66:15; Dan 7:9f; 2 Thess 1:7; Heb 12:29](#)
20. [Matt 10:15; 1 Cor 3:13; Jude 7](#)
21. [2 Pet 3:1](#)
22. [Ps 90:4](#)
23. [Hab 2:3; Rom 13:11; Heb 10:37](#)
24. [Rom 2:4; Rev 2:21](#)
25. [1 Tim 2:4; Rev 2:21](#)
26. [1 Cor 1:8](#)
27. [Matt 24:43; Luke 12:39; 1 Thess 5:2; Rev 3:3; 16:15](#)
28. [Is 34:4; 2 Pet 3:7, 12](#)

29. [Matt 24:35; Rev 21:1](#)
30. [Is 24:19; Mic 1:4](#)
31. [2 Pet 3:7](#)
32. [1 Cor 1:7](#)
33. [2 Pet 3:7, 10](#)
34. [Is 24:19; 34:4; Mic 1:4](#)
35. [Is 65:17; 66:22](#)
36. [Rom 8:21; Rev 21:1](#)
37. [Is 60:21; 65:25; Rev 21:27](#)
38. [1 Cor 15:58; 2 Pet 1:10](#)
39. [2 Pet 3:1](#)
40. [1 Pet 1:7](#)
41. [Phil 2:15; 1 Thess 5:23; 1 Tim 6:14; James 1:27](#)
42. [2 Pet 3:9](#)
43. [Acts 9:17; 15:25; 2 Pet 3:2](#)
44. [1 Cor 3:10; Eph 3:3](#)
45. [2 Pet 3:14](#)
46. [Heb 5:11](#)
47. [2 Pet 2:14](#)
48. [2 Pet 3:2](#)
49. [2 Pet 3:1](#)
50. [1 Cor 10:12](#)
51. [2 Pet 2:18](#)
52. [2 Pet 2:7](#)
53. [Rev 2:5](#)
54. [2 Pet 1:2](#)
55. [2 Pet 1:11; 2:20](#)
56. [Rom 11:36; 2 Tim 4:18; Rev 1:6](#)

The Message

2 Peter 3

In the Last Days

¹My dear friends, this is now the second time I've written to you, both letters reminders to hold your minds in a state of undistracted attention. ²Keep in mind what the holy prophets said, and the command of our Master and Savior that was passed on by your apostles.

³First off, you need to know that in the last days, mockers are going to have a heyday. Reducing everything to the level of their puny feelings, ⁴they'll mock, "So what's happened to the promise of his Coming? Our ancestors are dead and buried, and everything's going on just as it has from the first day of creation. Nothing's changed."

⁵They conveniently forget that long ago all the galaxies and this very planet were brought into existence out of watery chaos by God's word. ⁶Then God's word brought the chaos back in a flood that destroyed the world. ⁷The current galaxies and earth are fuel for the final fire. God is poised, ready to speak his word again, ready to give the signal for the judgment and destruction of the desecrating skeptics.

The Day the Sky Will Collapse

⁸Don't overlook the obvious here, friends. With God, one day is as good as a thousand years, a thousand years as a day. ⁹God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.

¹⁰But when the Day of God's Judgment does come, it will be unannounced, like a thief. The sky will collapse with a thunderous bang, everything disintegrating in a huge conflagration, earth and all its works exposed to the scrutiny of Judgment.

¹¹Since everything here today might well be gone tomorrow, do you see how essential it is to live a holy life? ¹²Daily expect the Day of God, eager for its arrival. The galaxies will burn up and the elements melt down that day-- ¹³but we'll hardly notice. We'll be looking the other way, ready for the promised new heavens and the promised new earth, all landscaped with righteousness.

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¹⁴So, my dear friends, since this is what you have to look forward to, do your very best to be found living at your best, in purity and peace. ¹⁵Interpret our Master's patient restraint for what it is: salvation. Our good brother Paul, who was given much wisdom in these matters, ¹⁶refers to this in all his letters, and has written you essentially the same thing. Some things Paul writes are difficult to understand. Irresponsible people who don't know what they are talking about twist them every which way. They do it to the rest of the Scriptures, too, destroying themselves as they do it.

¹⁷But you, friends, are well-warned. Be on guard lest you lose your footing and

get swept off your feet by these lawless and loose-talking teachers. ¹⁸Grow in grace and understanding of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ. Glory to the Master, now and forever! Yes!

2 Peter 3

- III. CONCERNING CHRIST'S SECOND COMING. 3:1-16**
- A. Certainty of Christ's 2nd Coming in Spite of Scoffers. v.1-10**
 - A call to remember the Word of God. v.1-2
 - A prophecy about mockers who will deny Christ's Second Coming. v.3-4
 - Refutation of mocker's arguments. v.5-9
 - Emphatic affirmation that the Day of Lord will come! v.10
 - B. Exhortations with Reference to Approaching Day of Lord. v.11-16**
 - A call to holy living. v.11
 - A call for an attitude of expectation. v.12,13
 - A call for diligence. v.14
 - A call to make proper use of the Lord's patience. v.15,16
- Concluding Exhortations and Doxology. 3:17, 18**
- A. Exhortation to Guard Against the Error of the Wicked. v.17**
 - B. Exhortation to Grow in Grace and Knowledge. v.18a**
 - C. Doxology to Jesus. v.18b**

Memory Verses

2 Peter 3:8-10

⁸ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Questions

- 1. What is the significance of the how the author addresses himself and the authority of his letter in the first couple of verses of this chapter?**

- 2. What is the purpose of this letter?**

**3. What do you say to people who do not anticipate the Day of the Lord?
Give verses you would use in your position.**

4. From this passage, what do we learn about the Second Coming of the Lord? From other passages?

5. What instruction does this passage give us concerning the Word of God? From other passages?

6. According to this passage, what is going to happen to earth and the heavens at the Second Coming of the Lord? What do other passages say about this?

7. How are we to prepare for it? Give verses.

8. What are ways we can grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord? Give verses.

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Jude 1

The Warnings of History to the Ungodly

¹ ⁽¹⁾ Jude, a ⁽²⁾ bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To ⁽³⁾ those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and ⁽⁴⁾ kept for Jesus Christ:

² ⁽⁵⁾ May mercy and peace and love ⁽⁶⁾ be multiplied to you.

³ ⁽⁷⁾ Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our ⁽⁸⁾ common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you ⁽⁹⁾ contend earnestly for ⁽¹⁰⁾ the faith which was once for all ⁽¹¹⁾ handed down to ⁽¹²⁾ the saints.

⁴ For certain persons have ⁽¹³⁾ crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand ⁽¹⁴⁾ marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn ⁽¹⁵⁾ the grace of our God into ⁽¹⁶⁾ licentiousness and ⁽¹⁷⁾ deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵ Now I desire to ⁽¹⁸⁾ remind you, though ⁽¹⁹⁾ you know all things once for all, that ⁽¹⁾ the Lord, ⁽²⁰⁾ after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

⁶ And ⁽²¹⁾ angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has ⁽²²⁾ kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

⁷ just as ⁽²³⁾ Sodom and Gomorrah and the ⁽²⁴⁾ cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and ⁽²⁵⁾ went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an ⁽²⁶⁾ example in undergoing the ⁽²⁷⁾ punishment of eternal fire.

⁸ Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, ⁽²⁸⁾ defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.

⁹ But ⁽²⁹⁾ Michael ⁽³⁰⁾ the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about ⁽³¹⁾ the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "⁽³²⁾ The Lord rebuke you!"

¹⁰ But ⁽³³⁾ these men revile the things which they do not understand; and ⁽³⁴⁾ the things which they know by instinct, ⁽³⁵⁾ like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

¹¹ Woe to them! For they have gone ⁽³⁶⁾ the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into ⁽³⁷⁾ the error of Balaam, and ⁽³⁸⁾ perished in the rebellion of Korah.

¹² These are the men who are hidden reefs ⁽³⁹⁾ in your love feasts when they feast with you ⁽⁴⁰⁾ without fear, caring for themselves; ⁽⁴¹⁾ clouds without water, ⁽⁴²⁾ carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, ⁽⁴³⁾ uprooted;

¹³ ⁽⁴⁴⁾ wild waves of the sea, casting up ⁽⁴⁵⁾ their own shame like foam; wandering stars, ⁽⁴⁶⁾ for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.

¹⁴ It was also about these men that ⁽⁴⁷⁾ Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "⁽⁴⁸⁾ Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,

¹⁵ ⁽⁴⁹⁾ to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ⁽⁵⁰⁾ ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

¹⁶ These are ⁽⁵¹⁾ grumblers, finding fault, ⁽⁵²⁾ following after their own lusts; they speak ⁽⁵³⁾ arrogantly, flattering people ⁽⁵⁴⁾ for the sake of gaining an advantage.

Keep Yourselves in the Love of God

¹⁷ But you, ⁽⁵⁵⁾ beloved, ⁽⁵⁶⁾ ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by ⁽⁵⁷⁾ the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁸ that they were saying to you, "⁽⁵⁸⁾ In the last time there will be mockers, ⁽⁵⁹⁾ following after their own ungodly lusts."

¹⁹ These are the ones who cause divisions, ⁽⁶⁰⁾ worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

²⁰ But you, ⁽⁶¹⁾ beloved, ⁽⁶²⁾ building yourselves up on your most holy ⁽⁶³⁾ faith, ⁽⁶⁴⁾ praying in the Holy Spirit,

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, ⁽⁶⁵⁾ waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

²² And have mercy on some, who are doubting;

²³ save others, ⁽⁶⁶⁾ snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, ⁽⁶⁷⁾ hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

²⁴ ⁽⁶⁸⁾ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to ⁽⁶⁹⁾ make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with ⁽⁷⁰⁾ great joy,

²⁵ to the ⁽⁷¹⁾ only ⁽⁷²⁾ God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁽⁷³⁾ be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, ⁽⁷⁴⁾ before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Footnotes

1. Two early mss read Jesus

Show cross-references

57. [Matt 13:55; Mark 6:3; \[Luke 6:16; John 14:22; Acts 1:13\]](#)

58. [Rom 1:1](#)

59. [Rom 1:6f](#)

60. [John 17:11f; 1 Pet 1:5; Jude 21](#)

61. [Gal 6:16; 1 Tim 1:2](#)

62. [1 Pet 1:2; 2 Pet 1:2](#)

63. [Heb 6:9; Jude 1, 17, 20](#)

64. [Titus 1:4](#)

65. [1 Tim 6:12](#)

66. [Acts 6:7; Jude 20](#)

67. [2 Pet 2:21](#)

68. [Acts 9:13](#)

69. [Gal 2:4; 2 Tim 3:6](#)

70. [1 Pet 2:8](#)

71. [Acts 11:23](#)
72. [2 Pet 2:7](#)
73. [2 Tim 2:12; Titus 1:16; 2 Pet 2:1; 1 John 2:22](#)
74. [2 Pet 1:12f; 3:1f](#)
75. [1 John 2:20](#)
76. [Ex 12:51; 1 Cor 10:5-10; Heb 3:16f](#)
77. [2 Pet 2:4](#)
78. [2 Pet 2:9](#)
79. [Gen 19:24f; 2 Pet 2:6](#)
80. [Deut 29:23; Hos 11:8](#)
81. [2 Pet 2:2](#)
82. [2 Pet 2:6](#)
83. [Matt 25:41; 2 Thess 1:8f; 2 Pet 3:7](#)
84. [2 Pet 2:10](#)
85. [Dan 10:13, 21; 12:1; Rev 12:7](#)
86. [1 Thess 4:16; 2 Pet 2:11](#)
87. [Deut 34:6](#)
88. [Zech 3:2](#)
89. [2 Pet 2:12](#)
90. [Phil 3:19](#)
91. [2 Pet 2:12](#)
92. [Gen 4:3-8; Heb 11:4; 1 John 3:12](#)
93. [Num 31:16; 2 Pet 2:15; Rev 2:14](#)
94. [Num 16:1-3, 31-35](#)
95. [1 Cor 11:20ff; 2 Pet 2:13 and mg](#)
96. [Ezek 34:2, 8, 10](#)
97. [Prov 25:14; 2 Pet 2:17](#)
98. [Eph 4:14](#)
99. [Matt 15:13](#)
100. [Is 57:20](#)
101. [Phil 3:19](#)
102. [2 Pet 2:17; Jude 6](#)
103. [Gen 5:18, 21ff](#)
104. [Deut 33:2; Dan 7:10; Matt 16:27; Heb 12:22](#)
105. [2 Pet 2:6ff](#)
106. [1 Tim 1:9](#)
107. [Num 16:11, 41; 1 Cor 10:10](#)
108. [2 Pet 2:10; Jude 18](#)
109. [2 Pet 2:18](#)
110. [2 Pet 2:3](#)
111. [Jude 3](#)
112. [2 Pet 3:2](#)
113. [Heb 2:3](#)
114. [Acts 20:29; 1 Tim 4:1; 2 Tim 3:1f; 4:3; 2 Pet 3:3](#)
115. [Jude 4, 16](#)
116. [1 Cor 2:14f; James 3:15](#)

117. [Jude 3](#)
118. [Col 2:7; 1 Thess 5:11](#)
119. [Jude 3](#)
120. [Eph 6:18](#)
121. [Titus 2:13; Heb 9:28; 2 Pet 3:12](#)
122. [Amos 4:11; Zech 3:2; 1 Cor 3:15](#)
123. [Zech 3:3f; Rev 3:4](#)
124. [Rom 16:25](#)
125. [2 Cor 4:14](#)
126. [1 Pet 4:13](#)
127. [John 5:44; 1 Tim 1:17](#)
128. [Luke 1:47](#)
129. [Rom 11:36](#)
130. [Heb 13:8](#)

The Message

Jude 1

¹I, Jude, am a slave to Jesus Christ and brother to James, writing to those loved by God the Father, called and kept safe by Jesus Christ. ²Relax, everything's going to be all right; rest, everything's coming together; open your hearts, love is on the way!

Fight with All You Have in You

³Dear friends, I've dropped everything to write you about this life of salvation that we have in common. I have to write insisting--begging!--that you fight with everything you have in you for this faith entrusted to us as a gift to guard and cherish. ⁴What has happened is that some people have infiltrated our ranks (our Scriptures warned us this would happen), who beneath their pious skin are shameless scoundrels. Their design is to replace the sheer grace of our God with sheer license--which means doing away with Jesus Christ, our one and only Master.

Lost Stars in Outer Space

⁵I'm laying this out as clearly as I can, even though you once knew all this well enough and shouldn't need reminding. Here it is in brief: The Master saved a people out of the land of Egypt. Later he destroyed those who defected. ⁶And you know the story of the angels who didn't stick to their post, abandoning it for other, darker missions. But they are now chained and jailed in a black hole until the great Judgment Day. ⁷Sodom and Gomorrah, which went to sexual rack and ruin along with the surrounding cities that acted just like them, are another example. Burning and burning and never burning up, they serve still as a stock warning.

⁸This is exactly the same program of these latest infiltrators: dirty sex, rule and rulers thrown out, glory dragged in the mud.

⁹The Archangel Michael, who went to the mat with the Devil as they fought over the body of Moses, wouldn't have dared level him with a blasphemous curse, but said simply, "No you don't. God will take care of you!" ¹⁰But these people sneer at anything they can't understand, and by doing whatever they feel like doing--living by animal instinct only--they participate in their own destruction. ¹¹I'm fed up with them! They've gone down Cain's road; they've been sucked into Balaam's error by greed; they're canceled out in Korah's rebellion.

¹²These people are warts on your love feasts as you worship and eat together. They're giving you a black eye--carousing shamelessly, grabbing anything that isn't nailed down. They're--

Puffs of smoke pushed by gusts of wind;
late autumn trees stripped clean of leaf and fruit,
Doubly dead, pulled up by the roots;

¹³wild ocean waves leaving nothing on the beach
but the foam of their shame;
Lost stars in outer space
on their way to the black hole.

p. ¹⁴Enoch, the seventh after Adam, prophesied of them: "Look! The Master comes with thousands of holy angels ¹⁵to bring judgment against them all, convicting each person of every defiling act of shameless sacrilege, of every dirty word they have spewed of their pious filth." ¹⁶These are the "grumpers," the bellyachers, grabbing for the biggest piece of the pie, talking big, saying anything they think will get them ahead.

¹⁷But remember, dear friends, that the apostles of our Master, Jesus Christ, told us this would happen: ¹⁸"In the last days there will be people who don't take these things seriously anymore. They'll treat them like a joke, and make a religion of their own whims and lusts." ¹⁹These are the ones who split churches, thinking only of themselves. There's nothing to them, no sign of the Spirit!

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²⁰But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!

²²Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith. ²³Go after those who take the wrong way. Be tender with sinners, but not soft on sin. The sin itself stinks to high heaven.

²⁴And now to him who can keep you on your feet, standing tall in his bright presence, fresh and celebrating--²⁵to our one God, our only Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Master, be glory, majesty, strength, and rule before all time, and now, and to the end of all time. Yes.

Jude

INTRODUCTION. 1:1-4

- A. Signature, Address, and Prayer of Blessing. v.1, 2**
- B. Purpose of this Letter. v.3**
 - To exhort the readers to contend for the faith.
- C. Immediate Occasion of Writing this Letter. v.4**
 - Certain dangerous men have stealthily infiltrated the churches.

II. A REMINDER OF EXAMPLES OF GOD'S PUNISHMENT OF WRONG DOERS. 1:5-7

- A. Unbelieving Children of Israel. v.5**
- B. Angels who Sinned. v.6**
- C. Immoral Sodom and Gomorrah. v.7**

III. A SOLEMN PREDICTION OF COMING PUNISHMENT ON THE UNGODLY MEN WHO HAVE INFILTRATED THE CHURCHES. 1:8-16

- A. The Punishable Behavior They Have Exhibited. v.8-10**
- B. Biblical Examples of Wickedness Like Theirs Being Punished. v.11**
 - Cain, an example of disobedience.
 - Balaam, an example of greed.
 - Korah, an example of insubordination.
- C. Metaphorical Pictures (reminiscent of Old Testament Warnings) of the Harm Caused By These Infiltrators. v.12, 13**
- D. As Long Ago as Enoch, God Revealed He Would Punish the Ungodly. v.14-16**

III. EXHORTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BELIEVERS WHO ARE FACED WITH THE CHALLENGES TO THEIR FAITH POSED BY THE FALSE TEACHERS. 1:17-23

- A. They Were to Pay Attention to the Words of Prophecy Concerning the Coming of Such False Teachers. v.17-19**
- B. Personally, Each One was Responsible to Keep Himself (or Herself) in the Love of God. v.20-21**
 - 1. By building themselves up on their most holy faith.
 - 2. By praying in the Spirit.
 - 3. By waiting anxiously for the mercy to be received by the faithful when Jesus returns.
- C. They were to Exhibit Loving Compassion for their Deceived Brethren. v.22-23**
 - 1. On some, have mercy!
 - 2. On some, snatch them out of the fire!

3. On some, have mercy with fear!

THE CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY TO GOD. 1:24, 25

- A. His Assistance Keeping Faithful Men from Stumbling. v.24a**
- B. His Actions to Make Them Blameless at the Judgment. v.24b**
- C. Give Glory, Majesty, Dominion, and Honor to Him Through Jesus Christ. v.25**

Memory Verses

Jude 1:20-23

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

²² And have mercy on some, who are doubting;

²³ save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

Questions

1. Specifically who is the author of this book and what is his relationship to Jesus? What makes you think so?

2. What is the purpose of this letter?

3. What is the relationship of this letter to 2 Peter? Which one was written first? What makes you think so?

4. What is the immediate occasion of this letter?

5. What examples are used to remind the readers of God's punishment of wrong doers? How do they compare with 2 Peter's examples?

6. What kind of behavior have the ungodly men done in this passage?

7. What are the Biblical examples of wickedness given and who did them?

8. What was the event and when was the first time God revealed He was going to punish the ungodly? Give verses of original event.

9. What has God said the ungodly person's punishment will be? Give verses.

10. What are we to exhibit for deceived brethren? Why? Give verses.

CONCLUSION

It is my hope this study has been beneficial to your understanding of the book of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude more fully. For a much more comprehensive study of 1 & 2 Peter and Jude, please see Peter and Jude by Gareth L. Reese.

As with any commentary, it is not wise to use only one commentary source. It is better to compare commentaries and then compare what they say with the Scriptures. Always let the Scriptures prevail over any commentary. That way any biases the writer of the commentary may have will not influence the reader to believe in any false doctrines.