

2 Peter 1

-This is God's second letter to all Christians through Peter.

-While 1 Peter is written to encourage Christians who are being persecuted, 2 Peter is written to warn us about false teachers and other problems.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:1-2

1-Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:

2-Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

-This letter was written in the Greek language, and in the Greek language, Peter calls himself a slave of Jesus Christ.

-Many Bibles, however, write that Peter calls himself a servant of Jesus Christ.

-This is because people are afraid of using the word "slave," and would rather use the word "servant."

-Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, all people are born as slaves of sin and slaves of Satan.

-Because Christ has bought us Christians with His blood, we are no longer slaves of Satan, but slaves of Christ.

-Is it bad to be a slave of Christ?

-No.

-To be a slave of Satan is bad, but to be a slave of Christ is good.

-What does it mean to be a slave of Christ?

-Christ protects us from Satan.

-Christ cares for us.

-Christ saves us from our own bad decisions.

-Christ leads us through this world of sin.

-Christ brings us to eternal life in heaven.

-Either we are slaves of God or slaves of Satan.

-It was only after Peter called himself a slave of Christ did he then call himself an apostle.

-As Christians, we should remember that we are, first of all, slaves or servants of Christ.

-What is the most precious gift from God that we will ever have?

-Our faith in Christ.

-As a part of this gift of faith in Christ, we also are gifted

the righteousness of God.

-Verse 1 is also one of the verses in the Bible where it is clearly written that the Lord Jesus is God.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:3-4

3-His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

4-Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

-Some people pray to God to give them more, but 1 Peter 2:3 teaches us that God has given us everything we need for a godly life.

-Some people pray for more grace when God has given us all of the grace we need.

-Some people pray for more wisdom when God has given us all of the wisdom we need.

-Some people pray for more power when God has given us all of the power we need.

-Colossians 2:10 teaches us that we have been made complete in Christ.

-Instead of praying for more, what should we pray for?

-That we would understand that God has already given us everything we need.

-Instead of praying for more, we should pray that we would allow God to use in our lives everything that He has already given us.

-How do we understand that God has given us everything we need?

-The answer is in the same verse: "Through our knowledge of Him."

-The more we read the Word of God and learn about our God, the more our lives will be like Christ.

-When we participate in the divine nature, does this mean that we become as God?

-No.

-There are religions that teach that people will become small gods, but this is not true.

-People cannot become a god.

-Only God is God.

-We participate in the divine nature as follows:

- God gives us a new heart (Ez 36:26).
- We have the Spirit of God living in us (1 Co 3:16).
- We are one with Christ (Jn 17:21-22).

Let's read 2 Peter 1:5-7

- 5-For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;
- 6-and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;
- 7-and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

-Even though our Father has given us everything we need. we must make every effort to use that which He has given us.

-If we do not make every effort, it is like receiving a gift from God, but never opening the gift and never using it.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:8-9

8-For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9-But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

-Many Christians are ineffective and unproductive in their lives even though they have been given everything they need from God,

-It is as if they are blind to what God has given them, having forgotten that God has saved them from all of their sin.

-This is why we remember our sins from time to time so that we will remember how much God has saved us from our sin.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:10-11

10-Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble,

11-and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

-Some people say that 1 Peter 1:10 teaches us that we must work to be saved by Christ, but this is not true.

-The blood of Christ alone can save us.

-1 Peter 1:10 teaches us that after we are saved, our work is a testimony of Christ who lives in us.

-As we learn in 1 Corinthians 3:12-14 and 1 Peter 1:11, we will receive a reward in heaven according to our work on earth.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:12

12-So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.

-Even though we may know the truths of God, we need to be reminded of them.

-Why do all Christians need to be reminded of the truths of God?

-Because we forget some of what we have learned.

-The truths of God are like gold in the ground.

-If we dig a little, we will find a little gold, but if we dig deep, we will find lots of gold.

-This is the importance of continuing to dig into the Word of God.

-If we do this, we will not only be reminded, but the truths of God will become even more deep in our hearts.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:13-15

13-I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body,

14-because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

15-And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

-Our bodies are simply our tents in which we live.

-The most important part of every human is our spirit that is on the inside of our tent.

-Even though our bodies will die, our spirit on the inside will never die.

-How did Peter know that he would soon put his body aside?

-The Lord Jesus made it clear to him.

-When did the Lord Jesus make it clear to him?

-The Lord Jesus said this to Peter in John 21:18-19:

18-“Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

19-Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

-In verse 15, Peter did not say “after my death,” but rather said “after my departure.”

-How should all Christians look at the end of their lives on earth?

-Rather than thinking about dying, we should know that we will be departing earth, and arriving in heaven to be with our God forever.

-True Christians will never die, but rather depart from earth.

-In John 3:16, the Lord Jesus said that Christians will not perish:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

-In John 11, when the Lord Jesus was talking with Martha, He says that Christians will never die:

25-Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

26-and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

-In 2 Peter 1:15, Peter said that he would make every effort to see that after his departure we will always be able to remember these things.

-Did Peter do this?

-Yes.

-We have the writings of the God through Peter and other believers in Christ in the New Testament.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:16-18

16-For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17-He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

18-We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

-Many different religions teach many different ideas about God.

-Of all the teachings, only the Bible is the Word of God which is completely true.

-It has never been proved for the Bible, the Word of God, to be wrong.

-When Peter, James, and John were on the mountain with the Lord Jesus, God showed to them His glory.

-Christ was transfigured before them. His face shone like

the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light (Mt 17:2).

-Peter, James, and John were eyewitnesses to the glory of God.

-Then, they heard God's voice from heaven, saying this:

-“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” (Mt 17:5).

-Not only did Peter, James, and John see the glory of God, but they also heard His voice.

-This is how we can know that the Bible is the Word of God, and that it is completely true.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:19

19-We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

-What is the prophetic message?

-It is not just one message from one prophet.

-“The prophetic message” is all of God's Word in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

-This prophetic message is God's Word which God Himself has given to people which is completely reliable, completely sure.

-Is there anything else on earth that is more sure than God's Word?

-No.

-Nothing else on earth is more sure than God's Word, and God's Word is a light shining in this dark world.

Let's read 2 Peter 1:20-21

20-Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

21-For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

-Like in verses 18-19, the “prophecy of Scripture” in verses 20-21 is all of the Bible.

-Some people think that the prophets of the Bible only spoke prophecy about the future, but this is not true.

-A true prophet in the Bible spoke God's Word whether it was His Word about the past, His Word about the present, or His Word about the future.

-Prophecy is simply the very words of God which are sure, given to people to write in His Book, the Bible.