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2 Peter

Chapter 1

¹Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith equal in value with us, by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³As his divine power has given to us all the things for life and godliness through the knowledge of the one who called us through {his} glory and excellence, ⁴through which he has given to us the precious and great promises so that through them you might be sharers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world by lust, ⁵and now with respect to this, applying all diligence, supply in your faith, goodness; and in goodness, knowledge; ⁶and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness; ⁷and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. ⁸For these things existing and increasing in you cause you to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For he in whom these things are not present is blind, nearsighted, having received forgetfulness of the cleansing of his past sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for doing these things, you will certainly not ever stumble. ¹¹For in this way will be richly provided to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you about these things, although you have known them and have been established in the present truth. ¹³But I think {it is} right, as long as I am in this tent, to arouse you in remembrance, ¹⁴knowing that the putting off of my tent is imminent, just as also our Lord Jesus Christ revealed this to me. ¹⁵Likewise, I will be diligent to cause you to always have the remembrance of these things after my departure. ¹⁶For we did not make known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ by having followed cleverly invented myths, but by having become eyewitnesses of the majesty of that one. ¹⁷For he has received honor and glory from God the Father, such a voice having been brought to him by the Majestic Glory: "This is my Son, my Beloved, in whom I myself am well pleased." ¹⁸And we ourselves heard this voice, having been brought from heaven, being with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the very certain prophetic word, to which you do well to pay attention, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day might dawn and the morning star might rise in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first, that every prophecy of scripture does not come from one's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever brought by the will of man, but men being carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Chapter 2

¹Now false prophets were also among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will bring in heresies of destruction, and denying the master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. ²And many will follow their licentious acts, because of whom the way of truth will be slandered. ³And in greed, they will exploit you with false words, for whom condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction does not sleep. ⁴For if God did not spare angels who had sinned, but, in chains of darkness throwing down to Tartarus, he handed over those being kept for judgment;^[1] ⁵and he did not spare the ancient world, but protected the eighth, Noah, a preacher of righteousness, having brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly ones; ⁶and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, having reduced to ashes, he condemned to destruction, having set an example of the things that are going to happen to the ungodly ones; ⁷and he rescued righteous Lot, being oppressed by the behavior of the lawless ones in licentiousness, ⁸(for, by seeing and by hearing, that righteous man, living among them day from day, was tormenting his righteous soul by lawless works); ⁹the Lord knows how to rescue godly ones from a trial, and to keep the unrighteous ones to be punished in the day of judgment, ¹⁰but especially those

going after the flesh in its lusts of defilement, and despising authority. Audacious ones! Self-willed ones! They do not tremble while insulting glorious ones; ¹¹whereas angels, being greater in strength and power, do not bring an insulting judgment against them in the presence of the Lord. ¹²But these men, as unreasoning animals, having by nature been born for capture and destruction, slandering about those things in which they are ignorant, they will also be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³being harmed {as} the wages of unrighteousness, considering as pleasure the reveling in the day, stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions while feasting with you;^[2] ¹⁴having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing from sin, enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in covetousness, children of cursing. ¹⁵Abandoning the straight way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.^[3] ¹⁶But he had a rebuke for his own transgression—a mute donkey, having spoken in a voice of a human, restrained the irrationality of the prophet. ¹⁷These men are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm, for whom the gloom of darkness has been reserved. ¹⁸For, speaking arrogant things of vanity, they entice by the lusts of the flesh, by licentious acts, those barely escaping from those living in error, ¹⁹promising freedom to them, while themselves being slaves of destruction. (For by what someone has been overcome, by this he has been enslaved.) ²⁰For if, having escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but, having been entangled again, they have been overcome by these things, for them the last things have become worse than the first things. ²¹For it was better for them not to know the way of righteousness than, having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment that has been delivered to them. ²²This of the true proverb has happened to them: “A dog returns to its own vomit, and a washed pig to the rolling of mud.”

2:4 ^[1]

2:13 ^[2]

2:15 ^[3]

Chapter 3

¹Beloved ones, this is now the second letter I write to you, in which I arouse your pure mind in remembrance, ²to remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets and the command of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³knowing this first, that mockers will come with mockery in the last days, going according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue in the same way from the beginning of creation.” ⁵For this is hidden from them willingly, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth had been formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶through which the world at that time perished, having been flooded by water. ⁷But the present heavens and the earth, by the same word, are having been reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and the destruction of the ungodly men.

⁸But let this one thing not be hidden from you, beloved ones, that one day with the Lord {is} like 1,000 years, and 1,000 years {are} like one day. ⁹The Lord does not delay {concerning} the promise, as some consider delay, but is patient toward you, not wanting any to perish, but all to move on to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be destroyed, being burned up, and the earth and the deeds in it will be found. ¹¹All of these things being thus destroyed, of what sort is it necessary for you to be in holy behaviors and godly acts, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens, being set on fire, will be destroyed, and the elements, being burned up by heat, will be melted? ¹³But new heavens and a new earth, according to his promise, we are waiting for, in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved ones, while waiting for these things, be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by him, in peace. ¹⁵And consider the patience of our Lord {to be} salvation, just as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom having been given to him, ¹⁶as also in all the letters, speaking in them about these things, in which are some difficult to understand things, which the ignorant and unstable ones distort, as also the other scriptures, to their own destruction. ¹⁷Therefore, you beloved ones, knowing beforehand, guard yourselves, so that

you might not lose {your} own steadfastness, having been led astray by the error of the lawless ones. **18**But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him {be} the glory both now and to the day of the age. Amen!

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