

SECOND PETER

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INTRODUCTION

1. An epistle of strength and fortitude for Christians today.
 2. Although there was some question about authorship, it is to be accepted as an authentic second letter by the Apostle Peter.
 3. Thought that runs through both I and II Peter is the fact that we are sojourners, or Pilgrims. This world is not our permanent home, therefore we should give earnest heed as to how we live as we prepare for the eternal home. This Peter would teach us to do.
 4. Knowledge is the KEYNOTE idea of this great epistle. Vs. 3,4.
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Precious Faith and Knowledge

- A. Romans 10:17 "*faith comes by hearing* (thus knowledge).
1. I Peter 1:22,23 READ having done this they are now exhorted to hold to the "precious and exceeding great promises."
 2. Without knowledge of the "truth" the "word of God" they could never have become children of God.
 3. The same is true today (Acts 17:30; II Tim. 2:15).
 4. The source of the "precious faith" was/is divine truth, not "cunningly devised fables (READ I Peter 1:21).
- B. KNOWLEDGE A SAFEGUARD:
1. A full knowledge of Christ and his word is a safeguard against spiritual dangers.
 2. Against forgetting (He uses the word "remembrance 3 times in 1st chap. 12, 13, 15).
 3. Against false teachers.
 4. Against false doctrine.
 5. It was true then, as Peter wrote, and it true today.
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Growth In Christian Graces

- A. Spiritual growth and development of the Christian is Imperative.
- B. The spiritual mathematics of adding to faith equals to the full assurance of salvation.
1. Without faith man cannot please God (Heb. 11:6).
 2. Faith minus....is to be without God.
 3. Faith, plus (James 2;14-24).
- C. MAN'S PART AND GOD'S PART:
1. "Adding on your part all diligence"
 2. He must exercise "all diligence"
 3. Yet salvation is from God.
 - a. Man's part is contributory. ' "

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- b. God's part is foremost and indispensable - Without which, regardless of man's diligence, he could not be saved.
- D. FAITH PLUS:
1. Virtue – courage.
 2. Knowledge – as pointed out.
 3. Self-control
 4. Patience - Steadfastness
 5. Godliness - Devotion, reverence to God.
 6. Brotherly Kindness
 7. Love - Because God is Love.
- EACH IS A PART OF THE WHOLE
ONE WILL NOT STAND WITHOUT THE OTHER!**
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Assurance Of Salvation - IF

- A. The cultivation and growth of these Christian graces is urgent "Give Diligence".
1. It is a duty!
 2. It is a must! **WHY IS IT SO URGENT?**
- B. Make "your calling and election sure"
1. IF you do "ye shall never stumble (fall.)
 2. He that lacks these is blind-having forgotten...
- C. SALVATION IS CONDITIONAL.
1. IF is obviously condition (Peter remembers own experience).
 2. Also I Cor. 9:27 "lest I myself should be rejected."
- D. No question about God's part "*richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom*" Therefore Make Sure
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WARNING...False Teachers

- A. Chapter 2...If among God's people in O.T. Also arise among us today.
1. Acts 20:28; I Tim. 4:12; I John 4:1... "try the spirits"
 2. "Bring in destructive (damnable KJV) heresies 2:1.
- B. INFLUENCE AND EFFECT:
1. How many are lost in church today?
 2. Even entire congregations are carried away.
- C. MOTIVE OF FALSE TEACHERS:
1. Making merchandise of you" II Peter 2:3.
 2. Promote their own cause.
 3. "Teaching things they ought not for filthy lucre's sake (Titus 1;11).
- D. THEIR CHARACTER

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1. II Peter 2;10-15 READ
 2. What a commentary on the souls of the ungodly and disobedient.
 - E. ACCOMPLICE WITH FALSE TEACHERS:
 1. II John 9..."goeth on and abide not in teaching..."HATH NOT GOD"
 2. Partaker of his evil deeds.
 - F. THE ULTIMATE - WORSE THAN FIRST:
 1. 2:20, 22 (Impossibility of apostasy)
 - G. EXAMPLES OF PUNISHMENT:
 1. Their destruction slumbereth not"
 2. If "*God spared not angels when they sinned...can sinner expect any better?* (II Peter 2;5,6).
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Certainty of God's Word vs Speculation

- A. GOD'S WORD IS AUTHORITATIVE!
 1. Whether spoken or written.
 2. II Peter 3:2
 - B. FALSE TEACHER AND SECOND COMING:
 1. Seems that this has been going on from beginning.
 2. II Peter 3:3,4
 3. **Two Extremes:**
 - a. Date setters (Miller; Etc.
 - b. Those who live as if he will never come...
 - C. WHAT IS TO HAPPEN:
 1. Peter 3:8-13
 - 2.
 - D. **WHEREFORE....**
 1. **II PETER 3:14-18!**
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