

The Second Epistle of PETER

**I WANT to go, to grow, to know,
Land by knowledge to bear fruit;
To go from virtue, to knowledge, to tem-
perance,
to patience, godliness and much more:
To grow, to love, to know.
We have heard from an eyewitness' mouth,
who must die as to him God has shown,
And from holy men of old, moved by the
Holy Ghost.**

2 PETER 1

¹Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained this precious faith with us, through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

²grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of our God and of Jesus our Lord.

³Just as His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue,

⁴by which we are given exceeding great and precious promises, that through these you might be partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

⁵And with all this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

⁶to knowledge self-control, to self-control patience, to patience godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

⁸For if these things are in you and abound, they will equip you that you would neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹But he who lacks these things cannot see far ahead.

He is shortsighted and blind, and he has forgotten completely that he was cleansed from his old sins.

¹⁰Rather, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never fall.

¹¹For by this you will be provided access generously into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you constantly of these things; though you know them and are established in this present truth.

¹³Yet I think it necessary, as long as I am in this tabernacle here with you, to stir you up by reminding you,

¹⁴knowing that I must die shortly, even as the Lord Jesus Christ has shown me,

¹⁵and I will be careful to ensure you will always have a reminder of these things after my death.

¹⁶For at no time did we follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

¹⁷For He received honor and glory from God the Father when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory,

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am extremely pleased!”

¹⁸And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹We also have a more sure word of prophecy, which you do well to heed, as a light that shines in a dark place, until the dawn, and the daystar rises in your hearts.

²⁰Firstly knowing this, that no prophecy or reading of the Scripture, is of any private interpretation,

²¹for no prophecy of old came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. The faith of the chief apostles is precious but not personal or unique; it is universal to everyone who is in Christ Jesus as is the righteousness of God that appropriates it.*
- 2. We have the provision of everything that we need to succeed in life and in God but it is powered by the knowledge of Him.*
- 3. You cannot access what you do not know you have, you cannot possess what you do not know how to power (operate) or to access.*
- 4. His promises to us are great and precious because of the products accessible, but it is not limited to the produce, but to the Producer who made up producers: partakers of His divine nature.*
- 5. Your faith is a deposit with the potential for added value; the extent of its effect is dependent on the content you add to it. If virtue, knowledge, persistence, perseverance, self-control are in you and they abound, your faith is sound and the knowledge of Jesus you display will be fruitful and very profound.*
- 6. Your calling and election is certain but not sure, nor is your eternity secure; they are not general by extension, they are personal and intentional. It has everything to do with what you do with*

your faith.

7. *Just as our watchfulness and the security of our faith must be constant and continuous, even so ministry to the saints, admonishing, charging and stirring them is constant and continuous.*
8. *Be a witness while you live and leave a witness that will live-on and last beyond you through mentorship and works.*
9. *Fables for fame but no fable for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; the apostles were eye-witnesses, we are life witnesses.*
10. *You are better off believing the word you receive by so many witnesses until the day star (personal revelation) rises in your heart or you see Jesus in person, which may be too late.*
11. *You may have a personal revelation of the word but there is no private interpretation.*
12. *The prophetic scriptures were spoken to trusted men of old as moved by the Holy Spirit; conveyed by character and carried by clarity of the source.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I drive away every notion in the heart of believers that their faith is mediocre or that places limitations to their vision. By the Spirit I declare dream big; accomplish great things. Amen.
- O that I may know You Father; enrich believers in the knowledge of You and commit them to passionate pursuit of this precious knowledge. Amen.
- Divine revelations in the things of God be my portion today; Lord, give to believers a full appreciation of the God in us. Amen.
- I declare that I am not just a product of the Holy Spirit, but I am a producer because I have the Holy Spirit and I partake in the divine nature of God the creator. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, I value this deposit of faith You have given me; now I will put my faith to work and nothing can stop me. Amen.

GOD knows how to deliver the godly from temptation; He knows how to deliver you. And He also has the power to reserve the ungodly for judgment, so be careful what you do. He who did not spare the angels, and in the days of Noah sent a flood. Sodom and Gomorrah knew His wrath quite well; So righteous or wicked, any way it goes, To deliver and to reward... truly, God knows.

2 PETER 2

¹But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, denying the Lord who bought them; bringing on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be spoken of as evil. ³By covetousness, they will exploit you with deceptive words.

Whose judgment, for a long time, has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. ⁴For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved for judgment; ⁵and he did not spare the old world, but saved Noah, one of eight persons, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into complete ashes, condemning them with an overthrow, making them an example to those who afterwards shall live ungodly; ⁷and He delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. ⁸(For the righteous man dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day, by hearing and seeing their lawless deeds). ⁹The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust for punishment unto the day of judgment; ¹⁰but especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous and self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. ¹¹Whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring reviling accusation against them before the Lord, ¹²but these, like natural brute beasts, made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they do not understand. They will utterly perish in their own corruption ¹³and will receive the reward of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, sporting in their own deceptiveness while they feast with you, ¹⁴having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, trapping unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices and are accursed children. ¹⁵They have forsaken the right, having gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor who loved the wages of unrighteousness, ¹⁶but he was rebuked for his iniquity; a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice, restraining the madness of the prophet. ¹⁷These are wells without water, clouds carried by the tempest, for whom the pitch of darkness is reserved forever. ¹⁸For when they speak the great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lust of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually

escaped from those who live in error.

¹⁹While they promise liberty to them, they are slaves of corruption themselves; for by whom a man is overcome, by the same he is brought into bondage.

²⁰For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overpowered, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

²¹For it is better for them if they had not known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandments delivered to them.

²²But to them it has happened according to the true proverb, "A dog returns to his own vomit; a sow who was washed returns to her wallow in mud!"

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Deception rides in high places to rival the truth but the sword of judgment and destruction runs in low and hidden places to avenge the truth.*
2. *Covetousness causes corrupt people to compete with Christ for glory and for the souls of men.*
3. *It is deception to appreciate the goodness of God and deny and dismiss His judgment; God is absolute in His ways, character and grace, but He is resolute in judgment.*
4. *Your action will attract affection from God or attain His disaffection, anger and judgment.*
5. *There are fallen angels roaming the earth as evil spirits and demons and there are angels in chains restrained until the Day of Judgment, but all deviant angels are condemned to one fiery judgment with time.*
6. *Your righteousness may save you from an evil world but only your effort in reaching and changing your world can save your world with you in it from its evil judgment.*
7. *It does not matter how righteous you are or how grieved you are with sin, you are as dysfunctional as sin if you do nothing about it; evil may not get into you but it will get you out and dislodge you from your comfort.*
8. *Deliver righteousness and truth even when your world refuses to be delivered; they make their reservation for judgment but the Lord knows how to deliver the righteous.*
9. *There is no dignity in speaking evil of dignitaries or despising authority even if they are at fault, for it removes your defense before God.*
10. *There is no glory in accusation except to the Accuser of the Brethren; the angels of God do not bring our justified accusations before God, only just our strength, hope and promise.*
11. *When you wrong your brother's wrong, you wrong your brother's right to the redemptive blood of Christ; your role is reconciliation and not condemnation.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Spirit of truth, bring every falsehood in my life and in my nation into judgment today. Amen.
- Fire of the living God, burn out covetousness

from the hearts of believers. Amen.

- Righteous God, You are a God of judgment; Your righteousness compels You to judge; help us to align ourselves with You. Amen.
- Most Holy God, if the angels are not immune to judgment, I tremble in fear of You and align myself, in the name of Jesus.
- King of kings, let the salt in believers be savory to the earth; let the taste of the kingdom be on every tongue everywhere. Amen.

WHERE is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, men say it is approaching, yet it has not been revealed.

He is coming; He is coming! Will you not be assured?

A thousand days in our sight is as one day to the Lord.

God is not slack in any promise;

What He says He will surely do.

I will be living godly, watching and ready; Will you be ready for Him, too?

2 PETER 3

¹Beloved, this second epistle I now write to you (in which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

²that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken by the holy prophets, and of our commandments, the apostles of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

³Knowing this, that in the last days scoffers will come, walking after their own lust,

⁴saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they have been from the beginning of creation."

⁵For this they are willfully ignorant of: the heavens were of old by the word of God, and out of and in water stood the earth,

⁶by which the world perished that then existed, when by water, it was overflown.

⁷But the heavens and the earth which now exist, are kept by the same word, and are reserved for fire, against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸But beloved, do not be ignorant of this one thing,

that with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count unfaithfulness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, without warning, in which the heavens will pass away with great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat.

Both the earth and the works, all that are in it will be burnt up.

¹¹Since all these things shall be dissolved, determine what manner of person you ought to

be in all holy behavior and godliness,
¹²looking for a hastening of the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens, being on fire, will be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat.
¹³Nevertheless, according to His promise given, we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
¹⁴Therefore brethren, since you look forward to these things as well, be diligent that you be found of Him in peace, blameless and without spot;
¹⁵and recognize that the longsuffering of the Lord is salvation for us. As Paul, our beloved brother, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,
¹⁶in all his epistles speaking of these things in which there are some things hard to be understood, which the uneducated and unstable wrestle to their own destruction as they also do the other Scriptures.
¹⁷Therefore, brethren, since you know these things beforehand, beware lest you, being led away with the errors of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness;
¹⁸but grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now, and forever and ever. Amen.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Set your mind to walk with care for those who are going nowhere will try to take the world with them.*
2. *They scoff to justify walking after their own lust even though the truth troubles them.*
3. *The coming of the Lord may not be current news but the knowledge is currency to keep you contending with current continuous commitment so you will not be caught out when the coming becomes current and momentary.*
4. *You do not need to know the time to know the thing; if you had full control you would have no need to follow Christ; if you follow Christ you do not need full control, just unfailing faith in His character and word.*
5. *The word of God created and upholds the world of man; there is no use to debate the word of God, for circumstances do not dictate the word nor can the world of man make the word of God void.*
6. *If the word of God was to fall or fail, the world it upholds would fall, therefore it is best to believe*

what the unfailing word says about this failing world and the return of Christ than to believe what the failing world suggests about the unfailing Word.

7. *We count days, God counts grace; we live in the time He gives us, He lives in eternity where time has no purpose; one day in His grace cannot be measured by a dozen lifetimes in human days.*
8. *The hope of eternity may seem to take an eternity in coming but it speaks volumes of the everlasting love and grace extended to hardened hearts taking an eternity to come to Him.*
9. *God's promises are absolute and unfailing; His word is everything He is; His grace is resolute and unwilling that any should perish; if His coming seems delayed grace is triumphing over judgment.*
10. *The coming of the Lord is as sure as the time of His coming is uncertain; you can make yourself sure at His coming by conduct that is becoming of His company.*
11. *If you contrast the coming of the Lord with the conclusion, you can only derive fearful and fervent preparation; for the coming will be a sudden surprise but it is certain, but the conclusion will be visible, vivid and violent with burning that dissolves the entire world.*
12. *We live righteous in this unrighteous and doomed world with the hope and expectation of a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness lives.*
13. *Our hope is our boast and our motivation to holiness and righteousness, for salvation is not simply knowing, it is patient pursuit and long-suffering.*
14. *The scriptures and epistles of Paul are so profound they are twisted around to cause confusion; but the life of the word is in the Spirit and so is its interpretation.*
15. *Your steadfastness is as secure as your commitment to grow. Knowledge is the glue to your steadfastness and grace can grow in your incapacities. Grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, perfect my walk in You; be the influence that triumphs. Amen.
- Spirit of conviction, fall upon unbelievers in this nation; let the truth bother them and give them no rest or comfort. Amen.
- Jesus, I believe in You; You are coming and that is enough; until then I will be running with care and focused contention. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, I completely lost control long before I gave it to You; have complete control, I will take nothing back, not even a thought. Amen.
- Jesus all I have is my faith in You and that is all I want; You said it, that settles it; Your word is it for me. Amen.

William Carey braved death and diseases to be the first missionary to India in modern times. When he died at 73 (1834), of natural causes, he had seen the Scriptures translated and printed into forty languages, he had been a college professor, and had founded a college at Serampore. He had seen India open its doors to missionaries, he had seen the edict passed prohibiting sati (burning widows on the funeral pyres of their dead husbands), and he had seen converts for Christ on a mission field once thought impossible.

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