

2 Peter 1.

Read the chapter. In the **1 Peter** there were several things that were precious: fiery trials; the blood of Christ; the Living Stone; Christ Himself; the meek and quiet spirit; the believer's faith; the divine promises. This second epistle is specifically a warning against corrupt teachers and scoffers. In order to counteract the influence of false doctrine, great emphasis is laid upon the Word of God and the certainty of the fulfillment of the divine promises.

One thing for sure, the end is near. Both Timothy and Peter predict perilous times for the church which is in false teaching; general corruption of society and the coming apostasies or defections from Christianity because of false teaching (Christians not grounded in the Word but grounded in the corrupt world).

The call to a **Spiritual Life** secured through the precious promises to be partakers of divine nature, add virtue (showing high standards) having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Add to that knowledge (the Word of God); temperance (abstinence from alcohol and self-restraint in eating); patience (the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset); and patience to godliness, and to brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. If these things are in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Otherwise you are blind, cannot see afar off, and have forgotten the you have been purged from your old sins.

Peter knows that he will be leaving this world and he reminds these Jewish Christians that he is writing to that they should not forget the Jesus Christ is coming back as a King and that He had received honour and glory when He spoke from heaven ***This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*** Peter, himself, heard the voice of God when he was with Jesus, Moses and Elijah on the Mountain.

2 Peter 2.

Read the chapter. False teachers have corrupt characters and doctrines. They deny Jesus Christ; they are popular but have evil influence, are covetous (great desire to possess something belonging to someone else), and have hypocrisy (practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behaviour does not conform but living under pretense).

The unsparing judgments of God visited upon the fallen angels, the antediluvians (Cain's progeny that was completely annihilated by the Flood), and Sodom and Gomorrah (who wanted sexual relations with angels that came for Lot), were warnings to the ungodly. The wicked will be judged at the Great White Throne let there be no question about it.

These false teachers are sensual, presumptive, gross and into excesses and because of that their influence and apostasy (denying the blood of Jesus Christ) because of avarice (extreme greed for wealth or material gain), they are empty, unstable and have no future. Their high-sounding words, accompanied by sensual living, and their promising men liberty but result in bondage of corruption, they are depraved.

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2 Peter 3.

Read the chapter. Always remember that the coming of the King has been prophesied but there will be those that will scoff at that. Even though there was the Flood and killed everyone except eight souls, there is coming Fire to judge the ungodly. To the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord wants everyone to repent before He comes to destroy the ungodly, the earth and the heavens. *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for New Heavens and a New Earth, wherein dwells righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.* That can only be found in the blood of Jesus and your acceptance of that blood of Jesus at the cross for your sins and eternity. He reminds us that Paul wrote those Scriptures also in prophecy; warning us not to go into error and fall from our own steadfastness. *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.*