



2. Peter

Persevering to the End

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. 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.

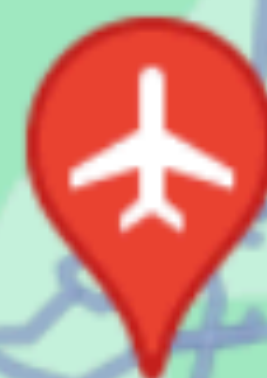
8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my 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.

- 2 Peter 1:3-11

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Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.¹⁴ With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed. . . . These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

- 2 Peter 2:13-14, 17

You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. . . in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

- 2 Peter 3:11, 13-14

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Point 1: vss. 3-4: The foundation: God's Power In Us

Point 2: vss 5-8: The pathway: The Fight of the Faithful

Point 3: vss 9-11: The destination: The Urgency of Holy Living

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

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vs 4: Believers participate in the divine nature escaping our sinful nature (corrupted flesh due to our sinful desires).

“no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit”.

- 1 Corinthians 12:3

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14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- John 1:14

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Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

- John 14:23

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- 2 Peter 1:5-7

“Where there is life, there must be growth. The new birth is not the end, it is the beginning. God gives his children all they need to live godly lives, but his children must apply themselves and be diligent to use these “means of grace” He has provided. Spiritual growth is not automatic. It requires cooperation with God and application of spiritual diligence and discipline. As Paul says, ‘Work out your salvation . . . For it is God who works in you.’ (Phil 2:12-13). . . It's not enough for the Christian to “let go and let God” as though the spiritual growth was God’s work alone. Literally Peter writes, ‘make every effort to bring alongside’. The Father and the child must work together.”

- Warren Wiersbe

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- 2 Peter 1:8-11

22 Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

- 2 Peter 2:22

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit. . . 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

- John 15:1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

- John 14:1-3