



2. Peter

Persevering to the End

13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

- 2 Peter 1:13-15

2 Peter Intro

- Introduction to Historical Context of 2 Peter
- Occasion of the Letter: False Teaching
- Vss: 1-2: Author, Recipients, Opening Greeting

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: 2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

- 2 Peter 1:1-2

The Occasion or Purpose of the Letter:

1. Main contention: No end-time judgment/second coming

They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” 2 Peter 3:4

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming

—2 Peter 3:10-12

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Follow up errors:

- Libertarians

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. . . 19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity.

—2Peter 2:13-14,19

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Follow up errors:

- Libertarians
- Anti-authoritarian

10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.- 2 Peter 2:10

“...just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.” -2 Peter 3:15-16

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Follow up errors:

- Libertarians
- Anti-authoritarian
- Denied the Sovereignty of Jesus

They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them.

- 2 Peter 2:1

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3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

- 2 Peter 3:3

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11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

- 2 Peter 3:11-12

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- 2 Peter 1:1-2

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- Romans 10:17

2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance (multiplied in you) through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

- 2 Peter 1:1-2

17 Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

-2 Peter 3:17-18

20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

- 2 Peter 2:20-21

In our day we are rightly warned about the danger of sterile faith, of a “head” knowledge that never touches the heart. But we need equally to be careful of a “heart” knowledge that never touches the head! Too many Christians know too little about their faith, we are therefore often unprepared to explain how our God differ from the God of other faiths. Again and again, the NT makes plain that our very salvation can depend on confessing truth about God and his revelation in His Son. The biblical writers demand a “knowledge of God” that unites head and heart. We must be careful not to sacrifice the head in favour of the heart.”

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