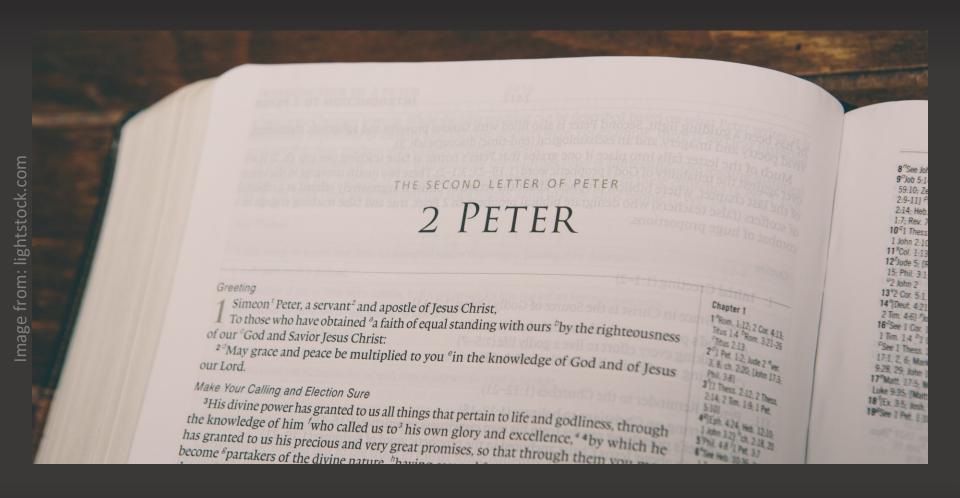
Welcome to the Family!





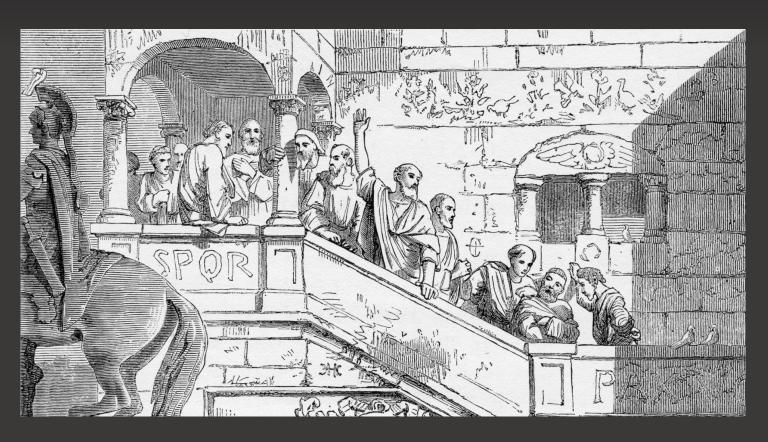
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Final Words from Peter



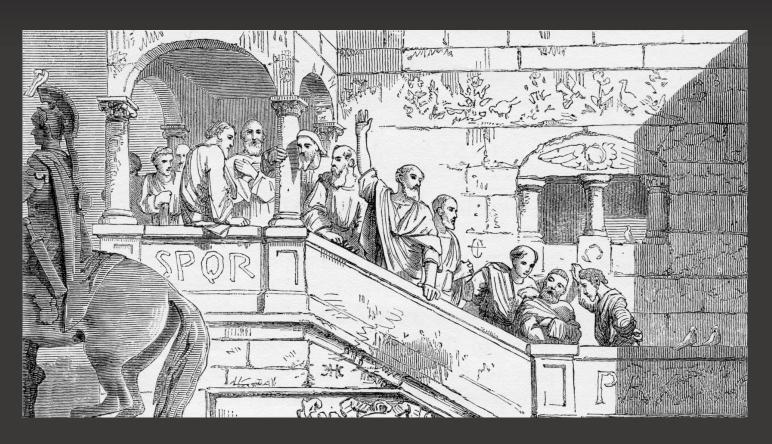
The Path That Keeps Going

Listening to Peter



Some of the best <u>words</u> in the Bible come from <u>Peter</u>.

Listening to Peter



Passage behind this series:
2 Peter 1:12-15

¹² Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*.

^{*}All verses from 1995 New American Standard Version

- ¹³ I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder,
- ¹⁴ knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

¹⁵ And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

2 Peter 3:1-2

- ¹ This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,
- ² that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.



Christian Blessings – v. 1-4

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- ¹ Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
- To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:
- ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.



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1) We have "escaped."

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2) We share in the "divine nature."

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Christian Qualities – v. 5-7



2 Peter 1:5-7

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Christian Qualities – v. 5-7



Since we have these blessings, keep growing in Christian virtues!

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Christian Choices – v. 8-11



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- ⁹ For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind *or* short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

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If we don't grow in these, we might find ourselves:



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If we will grow in these, we won't stumble on the way to eternity.



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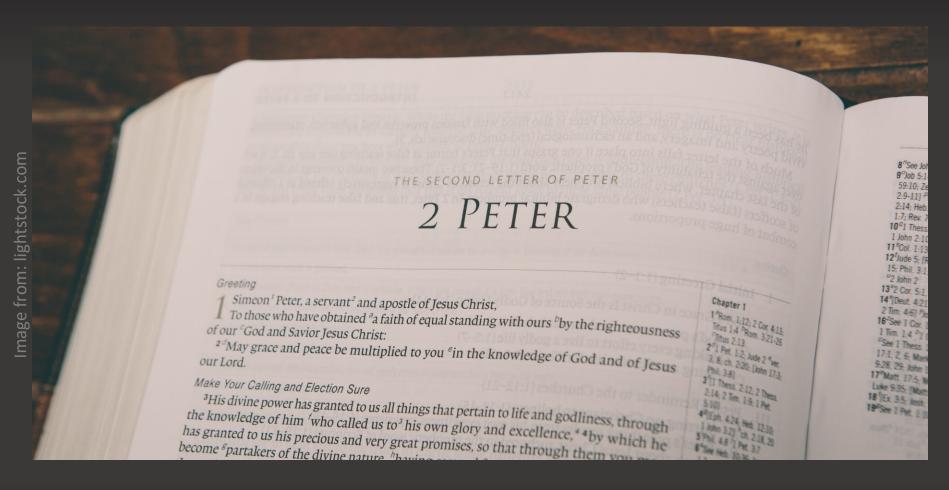
2 Peter 3:17-18

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,

2 Peter 3:17-18

¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Peter's first big encouragement:



Grow!

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, "<u>Repent</u>, and each of you <u>be baptized</u> in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and <u>pray for one another</u> so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.