

## II Peter (*Introduction*)

**When we studied I Peter, we discussed some of Peter's background.**

About 1 to 2 years after Peter wrote his first letter, he wrote this second letter. It was written just a short while before his death. This means that it was most likely written around 64 A.D.

As we pointed out in the introduction to I Peter, Nero became the Emperor of the Roman Empire in A.D. 54. In A.D. 64 most of Rome was destroyed in the "*Great Fire of Rome*". Some believed that Nero set the fire himself to clear property that he wanted to claim. He diverted attention away from himself by blaming the Christians. This began a horrible persecution against Christians throughout the Empire.

In Peter's first letter, he reminded his readers to maintain the Christian lifestyle even in the face of suffering. He knew that more persecution was to follow, even his own death was near. Peter wrote this second letter to give a more formal plea for Christians to maintain their faith.

He also points out that you must GROW! He notes the need for knowledge! The only way to grow is to learn God's word. Peter acknowledges that Paul's letters are, in fact, scriptures and should not be twisted. Peter knows that his own letters are inspired by the Holy Spirit. He insists that his readers understand them. He knows that false teachers are already at work in the Christian community. Peter spent some time condemning them. He also spent some time telling the truth about the coming of the Lord and the destruction of the earth. False teachers had begun to "twist" scriptures, including Paul's letters that have been circulating among the Christians community, to teach error about these subjects.

Since Peter's second letter was more formal in its presentation, it is written differently than the first letter. Some have claimed that Peter didn't write it since it was so different in style and language than the first. This claim has been thoroughly rebuked by scholars over the years. Peter's authorship of both letters is well established.

## II Peter Review

### Chapter 1

#### Answer in a Few Words

1. What did Peter say he was in addition to being an apostle? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What have we obtained with Peter and other believers? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What has “given unto us all things ...”? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was given to us that is “exceeding great and precious”? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What have we escaped that is in the world? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is to be added to temperance? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The “Christian Graces” must be in you, but what else must they do? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If we practice the “Christian Graces” what two things will we never be? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If we “lack” the “Christian Graces” what does Peter say we are? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What are we to “give diligence” to make “sure”? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. “... if ye do these things, ye shall never \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. “For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord and Savior \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. “... as long as I am in this \_\_\_\_\_, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.”
4. “... shortly I must put off this my \_\_\_\_\_”
5. “For we have not followed after cunningly devised \_\_\_\_\_, ...”
6. “For he received from God the Father \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, when there cam such a voice to him from the excellent glory ...”
7. “... This is by beloved \_\_\_\_\_, in whom I am well \_\_\_\_\_.”
8. “... as unto a \_\_\_\_\_ that shineth in a \_\_\_\_\_ place, until the day dawn, ...”
9. “... no scripture is of any private \_\_\_\_\_.”
10. “For the prophecy came not in old time by the \_\_\_\_\_ of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the \_\_\_\_\_”

#### Write “True” Or “False” In Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter was an apostle of Jesus Christ
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s promises and our part in “divine nature” have nothing to do with each other
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Since we have faith, there is nothing to “add”
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The last “addition” on the list of the “Christian Graces” is charity (love)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ As long as you practice the “Christian Graces” you will never fall
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter was telling his readers something they had never heard before
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter had no idea that he would soon die
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus showed Peter something concerning Peter’s death
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter never heard God say, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well please.”
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Holy men of God always prophesied and spoke about things that they thought up

#### EXTRA

Name the “Christian Graces” in order:

Add to your faith; \_\_\_\_\_

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## II Peter Review Chapter 2

### Answer in a Few Words

1. What did Paul say false teachers would bring in? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Will anyone listen to these false teachers? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What two things will eventually come to the false teachers? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did God cast certain angels down to hell? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What two cities did God turn into ashes? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did people's wicked lifestyles and unlawful deeds do to Lot? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who was the son of Bosor? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did the false teachers promise while they themselves are corrupt? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How do people escape the "pollutions of the world"? \_\_\_\_\_
10. People who turn from the holy commandments are like a dog doing what? \_\_\_\_\_

### Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. "And through covetousness shall they with \_\_\_\_\_ words make merchandise of you: ..."
2. "And spared not the old world, but saved \_\_\_\_\_ the eighth person, ..."
3. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the \_\_\_\_\_ out of temptations, and to reserve the \_\_\_\_\_ unto the day of judgment to be punished."
4. "... Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of \_\_\_\_\_."
5. "... they that count it pleasure to riot in the \_\_\_\_\_..."
6. "These are wells without \_\_\_\_\_, clouds that are carried with a tempest; ..."
7. "While they promise them \_\_\_\_\_, they themselves are the servants of \_\_\_\_\_ ..."
8. "... they are again \_\_\_\_\_ therein, and overcome, the latter end is \_\_\_\_\_ with them than the \_\_\_\_\_."
9. "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of \_\_\_\_\_, than, after they have known it, to turn from the \_\_\_\_\_ delivered unto them."
10. "... and the \_\_\_\_\_ that was washed to her wallowing in the \_\_\_\_\_."

### Write "True" Or "False" In Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ No one really listens to false teachers
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God doesn't hold us accountable for our unrighteousness
3. \_\_\_\_\_ False teachers speak evil of things they don't understand
4. \_\_\_\_\_ False teachers beguile unstable souls
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Balaam was verbally rebuked by an animal
6. \_\_\_\_\_ When false teachers lure through the lust of the flesh
7. \_\_\_\_\_ A man is brought into bondage by the whomever overcomes him
8. \_\_\_\_\_ It is impossible to be "entangled again" by worldly things once you have escaped
9. \_\_\_\_\_ It is better to have never known the right way than to know it and turn away
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter used the cow and the dog to illustrate the condition of someone who quits

### EXTRA

**There is a popular doctrine stated often as "Once saved, always saved". Quote some statements in this chapter that shows this teaching is false:**

## II Peter Review Chapter 3

### Answer in a Few Words

1. Peter specifically said he wrote this second letter to do what? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What two groups' words did Peter want his readers to be mindful of? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who will come "in the last days"? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What happened to the "world that then was"? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What will happen to the "heavens and the earth, which are now"? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How much time does is one day with the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is God "slack" or "slow" when it comes to keeping His promises? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Why is God showing "long-suffering" or patience to us? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What have we to look forward to? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Can you "fall from your own steadfastness"? \_\_\_\_\_

### Fill in Blanks with Proper Words

1. "The \_\_\_\_\_ epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; ..."
2. "... there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own \_\_\_\_\_,"
3. "For this they \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:"
4. "... \_\_\_\_\_ day is with the Lord as a \_\_\_\_\_ years, and a \_\_\_\_\_ years as \_\_\_\_\_ day."
5. "... not willing that any should \_\_\_\_\_, but that \_\_\_\_\_ should come to repentance."
6. "But the day of the Lord will come as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the night; ..."
7. "... the \_\_\_\_\_ shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be \_\_\_\_\_."
8. "Seeing then that all these things shall be \_\_\_\_\_, ..."
9. "Looking for and \_\_\_\_\_ unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall melt with fervent \_\_\_\_\_?"
10. "... even as our beloved brother \_\_\_\_\_ also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;"

### Write "True" Or "False" In Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The scoffers asks the question, "Where is the promise of his coming?"
2. \_\_\_\_\_ These scoffers willingly ignore the flood
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The flood proves that God is capable of global destruction
4. \_\_\_\_\_ God is not willing that any should perish
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The earth will be burned but the "heavens" will not be affected
6. \_\_\_\_\_ We look for "new heavens and a new earth"
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The "longsuffering" of the Lord is salvation
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter didn't know anything about Paul's writings
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter acknowledged that Paul's writings can be hard to understand
10. \_\_\_\_\_ The "unlearned" and "unstable" twist Paul's letters

### EXTRA

**When Peter said that people "wrest" or "twist" Paul's letters like they do the "other scriptures", what was Peter actually saying about Paul's letters?**