

Through the Bible Course

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2 Peter

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Key Word: Remember

Key Verse: 3:1

Author and Date: Peter. Sometime between 1 Peter and Peter's death.

Purpose: First Peter was written to exhort them to faithfulness in spite of suffering. This epistle written to warn against false teaching.

Chapter 1:1, 2 – Greeting

I. Chapter 1 – The Spiritual Life

1. 1:3 – Comes by power and calling of God
2. 1:4 – Gives great promises that we may be partakers of divine nature
3. 1:5-7 – Seven essential steps in developing the spiritual life
4. 1:8-11 – Results of having this life
 - a. verse 8 – show not barren
 - b. verse 9 – if lack, show are blind
 - c. verses 10-11 – give diligence to these things that may have abundant entrance into everlasting kingdom
5. 1:12-15 – He will continually remind them of this duty because of approaching decease.
6. 1:16-21 – The authority for his teachings
 - a. verses 16-18 – Not fables, but eye-witnesses of His glory
 - b. verses 19-21 – Word made more certain by prophets who spoke as they were moved by Holy Spirit

II. Chapter 2 – Beware of False Prophets

1. 1:1 – They will even deny the Lord
2. 1:2-3 – Shall have many followers
3. 1:4-10 – Their punishment will come
 - a. verse 4 – God spared not angels
 - b. verse 5 – spared not old world, but saved Noah
 - c. verses 6-8 – destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, but saved Lot
 - d. verses 9-11 – Lord will distinguish between godly and ungodly
4. 1:12-22 – Fuller description of these false teachers
 - a. verses 12-16 – As brute beasts they are sensual and have forsaken the right way as did Balaam. (Refer to Numbers 22:23 for history of Balaam.)
 - b. Verses 17-22 – With great swelling words promise liberty, but lead to bondage

1. verse 17 – they are useless like well without water or cloud carried with Tempest
2. verses 18, 19 – they promise liberty, but are servants of corruption
3. verses 20-22 – if man escapes pollution through Christ and then returns to the way of unrighteousness, he is worse off than if he had never known righteousness (verse 22, without regeneration, we are still sinful creatures)

III. Chapter 3 – The Day of Judgment and Its Sequel

1. 1:1 – Writes to stir up their remembrance
2. 1:2 – Be mindful of words of prophets and apostles
3. 1:3-4 – Scoffers will come
4. 1:5-7 – They are willingly ignorant of judgments which have come and will come
5. 1:8-13 – Day of Judgment will come
 - a. verses 8-9 – delayed because of longsuffering of God
 - b. verse 10 – will come as thief and present world shall be destroyed by fire
 - c. verses 11-13 – believers' attitude and hope
6. 1:14-18 – An exhortation to be diligent in view of your knowledge of these things so that you not be led away with error of false teachings.