

The One-Two Punch for Fighting Heresy

Peter's main focus in 2 Peter 1 in preparation for chapter 2 Chris Mueller 1-12-2020

Introduction:

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. **5** Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, **6** and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, **7** and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. **8** For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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; **11** for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Chapter ONE 1-11 CHA _____ and **12-21 CON** _____, needed to resist the error of Chapter TWO

CHA

1 Timothy 6:11 But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

CON

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

#1 C _____ 1-11

Verses 1-2

John 15:16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Verses 3-4

Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Verses 5-7

Colossians 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.

Verses 8-11

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

2 Peter 2:2-3

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. 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. 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"— 18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

#2 C

12-21

2 Peter 2:1 and 2 Peter 3:16

2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

Verses 12-15

Matthew 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.

John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

Witnessed by and Written by the Apostles

- Witnessed by verses 16-18
- Written by verses 19-21

Take Home:

A – Make a commitment to keep pursuing _____

Verses 5-7 moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love

B – Make a goal of _____ all of doctrine and the whole of Scripture

Job 23:12b I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

The MacArthur Bible Handbook or The Moody Handbook of Theology

C – Make a practice of _____ the Scripture

Luke 6:46 Why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say?

James 1:22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

D – Make certain you're a _____ believer

Verse 10 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.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. How do believers and preachers end up missing the main point of any passage?
2. Why does Peter desire for believers and churches to grow in character and confidence?
3. What does it mean to grow in character, and why do so few of those who profess Christ actually grow in Christlike character?
4. When someone doesn't grow in Christlike character, what does that mean biblically and doctrinally?
5. Why do believers need to have strong confidence in the nature of the Scriptures and knowledge of the Scriptures?
6. Why does Peter describe the witness of and the supernatural writing of the Scriptures by the apostles to those he writes?
7. How manifest is your Christlike character, and how obvious is your confidence in the Scripture? Are you prepared to battle error?
8. What steps will you take this week to grow in character and confidence?

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