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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

Without these Three, this work would never have been possible.

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1 Simon Peter, [the] slave and [the] apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who obtained a faith of equal value to ours by [the] righteousness of our God and our Savior—Jesus Christ:

2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in [the] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 because his divine power has bestowed upon us all [things] pertaining to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us through glory and excellence of character¹,

4 through which he has bestowed upon us the very great and precious things which were promised², so that through these [things] you should become sharers in [the] divine nature, because [you] escaped from the corruption [which is] in [the] world because of³ lust.

5 And for this very [reason] also, applying all diligence, supply in your faith excellence of character, and in [your] excellence of character knowledge,

6 and in [your] knowledge self-control, and in [your] self-control endurance, and in [your] endurance godliness,

7 and in [your] godliness brotherly love, and in [your] brotherly love love.

8 For these [things], if [they] belong to you and increase, make [you] neither idle nor unfruitful with reference to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ;

9 for he with whom these [things] are not present is blind, nearsighted, because [he] forgot⁴ the purification from his former⁵ sins.

10 Therefore, brothers, make every [the] more effort to keep your calling and selection in force, for if [you] do⁶ these [things], you will certainly not stumble at any time.

11 For in this manner the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be richly granted to you.

12 Therefore I will not neglect to remind you continually about these [things], although [you] know [them] and are established in the truth which is present [with you].

13 And I consider [it] right, as long as I am in this habitation, to stir you up with a reminder,

14 because [I] know that the removal of my habitation is imminent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ also indicated to me;

15 and I will make every effort for you also to be able at any time to make recollection of these [things] after my departure.

16 For we did not make known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ because [we] followed craftily devised myths, but because [we] were [the] eyewitnesses of his majesty⁷.

17 For [he] received honor and glory from God [the] Father when such a declaration was brought to him by the majestic glory: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased";

18 and we heard this declaration brought from heaven while [we] were with him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word [to be] more reliable, to which you do well if [you] pay⁸ attention as [one would] to a lamp shining in a dark place, until [the time] when [the] day dawns and [the] morning star rises up in your hearts,

20 knowing this first of all, namely, that no prophecy of scripture comes into existence from one's own interpretation,

21 for no prophecy was at any time brought by [the] will of man, but holy men of God spoke while [they] were being moved by [the] Holy Spirit.

1) or, "power"

2) or, "the very great and precious things which were promised are bestowed upon us"

3) or, "by"

4) lit, "received forgetfulness of"

5) lit, "formerly"

6) or, "by doing"

7) lit, "the majesty of that [man]"

8) or, "by paying"

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you] that ye shall neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know [them], and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting [you] in remembrance;

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off [this] my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost.

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1 But false prophets were also among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will bring in opinions of destruction, while even denying the Master who bought them, with the result of bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of the truth will be slandered;

3 and with greed they will engage in business with you with fabricated words, condemnation belonging to whom has not been idle for a long time, and their destruction is not drowsy.

4 For if God did not spare [the] angels who sinned, but handed [them] over by holding [them] captive in Tartarus with [the] chains of darkness, in order that [they] might be¹ kept for judgment,

5 and did not spare [the] ancient world, but guarded Noah, [the] proclaimer of righteousness, [as the] eighth, when [he] brought a flood² upon [the] world of [the] ungodly,

1) or, "[to be]"

2) or, "[the] flood"

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth [person], a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

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6 and condemned to destruction [the] cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by reducing [them] to ashes³, with the result of setting [them as] an example to [those] who were to act in an ungodly manner,

7 and delivered righteous Lot because [he] was distressed by the conduct of the lawless in licentiousness

8 (for the righteous [man], because of⁴ seeing and hearing, while [he] was dwelling among them, would torment [his] righteous soul day after⁵ day by means of [their] lawless deeds),

9 [the] Lord knows how to deliver [the] godly from temptations and to keep [the] unjust for [the] day of judgment in order that [they] may be punished,

10 but especially those who walk after [the] flesh in [the] lust of defilement and despise lordship. [Because they are] bold, self-willed men they do not tremble when [they] slander majestic beings,

11 whereas angels, who⁶ are greater in might and power, do not bring a slanderous judgment against them before [the] Lord.

12 But these [men], like instinctive irrational animals which are born for capture and destruction, because [they] slander in [those things] which they do not understand, will be destroyed in their corruption,

13 in order that [they] may receive [the] wages of unrighteousness, because [they] consider reveling in [the] day [as] pleasure, [because they are] stains and blemishes, because [they] revel in their deceptions while [they] feast together with you,

14 because [they] have eyes full of an adulteress and unceasing from sin, because [they] entice unstable souls, because [they] have a heart which is trained in greedy practices, [because they are] children of a curse;

15 because [they] left the straight way they went astray, because [they] followed the way of Balaam the [son] of Bosor, who loved [the] wages of unrighteousness,

16 but received a rebuke for his own lawlessness: a speechless donkey, by speaking with [the] voice⁷ of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These [men] are waterless fountains, clouds which are driven by a windstorm, for whom the gloom of darkness is kept for eternity.

18 For, by speaking pompous [words] of emptiness, they entice because of [the] lusts of [the] flesh, because of licentious practices, those who truly escape⁸ from those who conduct themselves in error,

19 by promising them freedom while [they] themselves are [the] slaves of corruption, for [the thing] by which a [man] is overcome, by this [thing] he is also enslaved.

20 For if they are overcome after escaping the defilements of the world through [the] knowledge of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, but by being entangled again in these [things], the last [conditions] have become worse for them than the first [conditions].

21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing [it], to turn back from the holy commandment which was handed down to them.

22 So the [saying] of the true proverb has happened to them: "[The] dog returns to its own vomit, and [the] sow which washed⁹ herself [returns] to [the] rolling in [the] mud."

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3) or, "by reducing the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes condemned [them] to destruction"

4) or, "by means of"

5) lit, "from"

6) or, "although [they]"

7) or, "in [the] language"

8) or, "escaped"

9) or, "after washing"

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned [them] with an overthrow, making [them] an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed [his] righteous soul from day to day with [their] unlawful deeds;)

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous [are they], selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, [as] they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots [they are] and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam [the son] of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

18 For when they speak great swelling [words] of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, [through much] wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog [is] turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

CHAPTER 3

1 This second letter, beloved, I now write to you, in which I stir up your pure mind with a reminder,

2 in order that [you] may remember the words which have been spoken in advance by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through our apostles,

3 with the result of knowing this first of all, namely, that mockers will come at [the] last of the days, while walking according to their own lusts

4 and for the purpose of saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For from [the time] when the fathers fell asleep, all [things] have remained as they were¹ from [the] beginning of creation."

5 For when [they] maintain [this], this escapes their notice, namely, that [the] heavens and [the] earth which was composed of water and by means of water existed long ago by the word of God,

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1) lit, "in this manner"

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1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in [both] which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

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6 through which the then world perished by being flooded with water,

7 and [that] by the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire by being kept for [the] day of judgment and of destruction of ungodly men.

8 But let this one [thing] not escape your notice, beloved, namely, that one day [is] like a thousand years in the sight of [the] Lord, and a thousand years [are] like one day.

9 The Lord does not hold back from the promise in hesitation², as certain [men] consider slowness, but is patient toward us because [he] does not want any [men] to perish, but all [men] to come to repentance.

10 But the day of [the] Lord will come as a thief in [the] night, on which the heavens will pass away with a rushing noise, and [the] elements will be destroyed by being consumed with burning heat, and [the] earth and the works [which are] in it will be burned up.

11 Therefore because all these [things] will be destroyed, what sort of [men] ought you to be in holy conducts and godly acts³,

12 while [you] wait for and hasten the coming of the day of God, because of which [the] heavens will be destroyed by being set on fire, and [the] elements are melted by being consumed with burning heat?

13 But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, because⁴ [you] wait for these [things], make every effort to be found in peace, stainless and blameless in his view,

15 and consider the patience of our Lord [as] salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom which had been given to him,

16 as [he] also [writes] in all [his] letters when [he] speaks in them about these [things], in which are some [things] hard to understand⁵, which the unlearned and unstable twist to their own destruction, as [they] also [twist] the rest of [the] scriptures.

17 Therefore you, beloved, because [you] know [these things] beforehand, be on your guard that you should⁶ not fall from your own steadfastness by being led away by the error of the lawless,

18 and grow in [the] grace and⁷ knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and to [the] day of eternity. Amen.

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2) or, "The Lord of promise does not delay"

3) lit, "for you to be what sort of [men] in holy conducts and godly acts ought to be"

4) or, "while"

5) or, "some [things] are hard to understand"

6) or, "in order that you may"

7) or, "grace and [the]"

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account [that] the longsuffering of our Lord [is] salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know [these things] before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.