



2 Peter




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INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

- Authorship: Peter
- Biography: Gospels & Acts
- Date: A.D. 64
- Recipients: Regenerated, Asia Minor, Hebrews
- Place of writing: Babylon
- Occasion for writing: Incipient Gnosticism
- Purpose: Insulation from false teaching
- Structure: 3 parts
- Message: Protection from false teachers
- Unique characteristics: Knowledge



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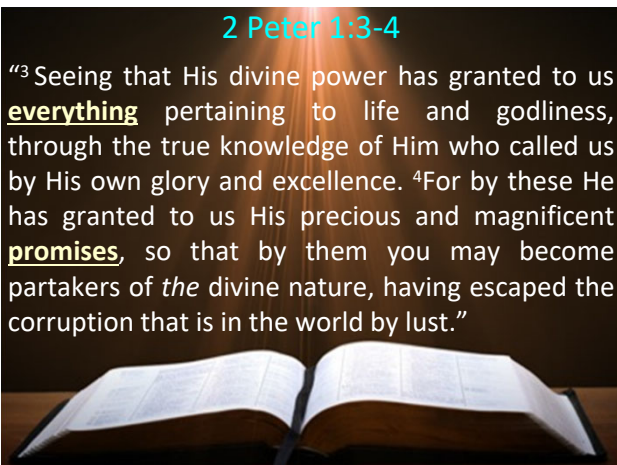
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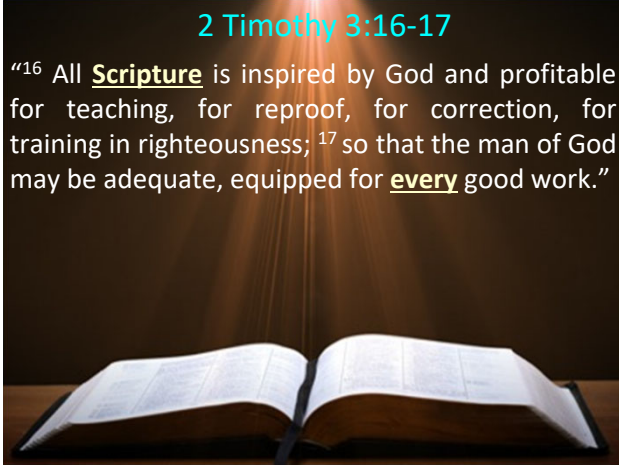
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2 Timothy 3:16-17


“¹⁶ All **Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for **every** good work.”



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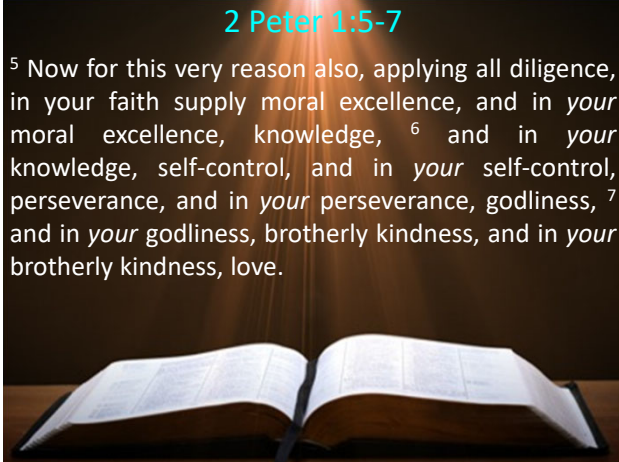
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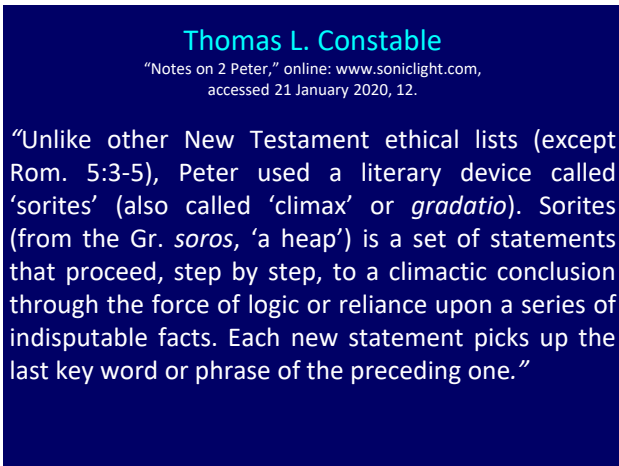
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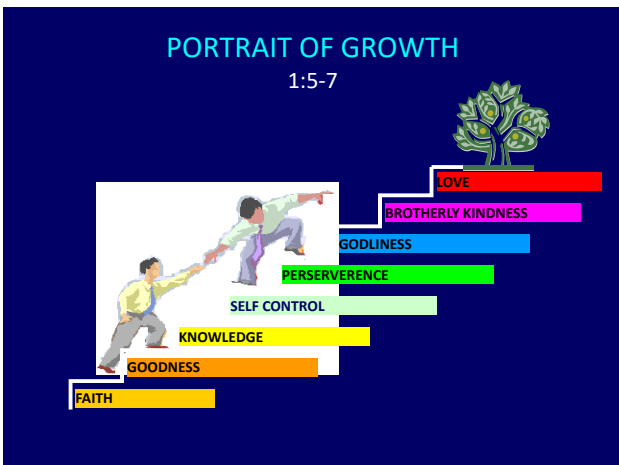
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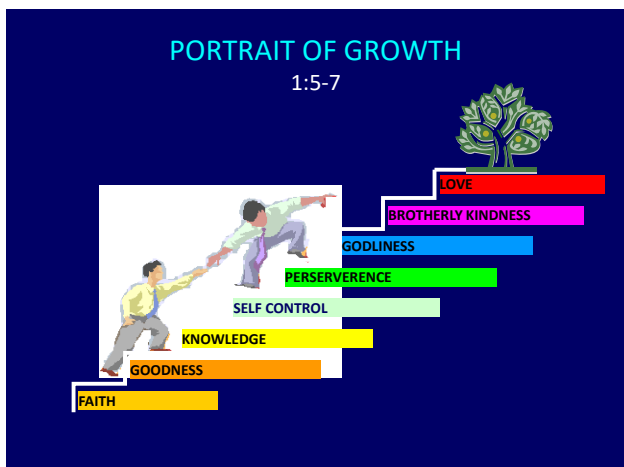
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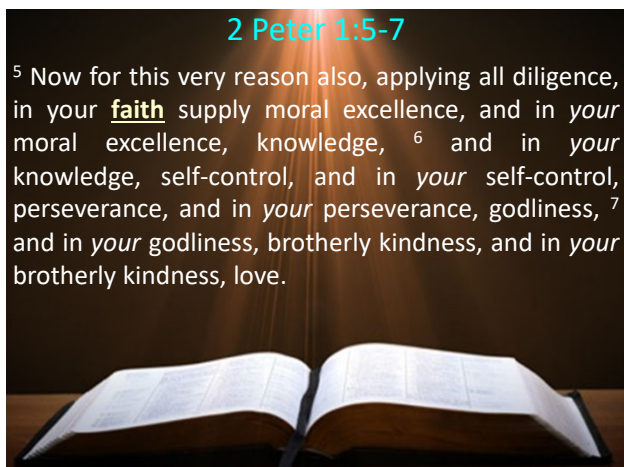


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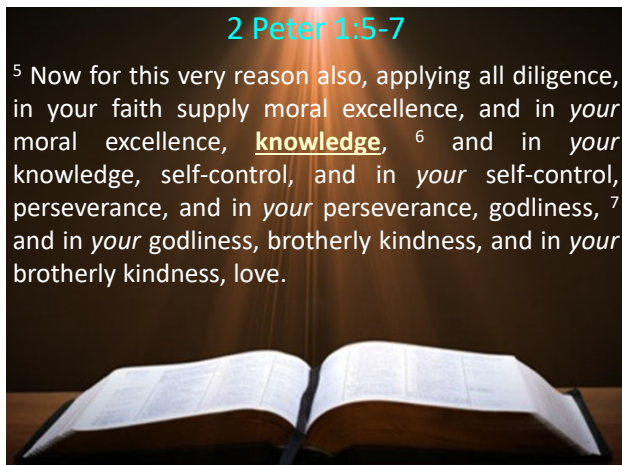
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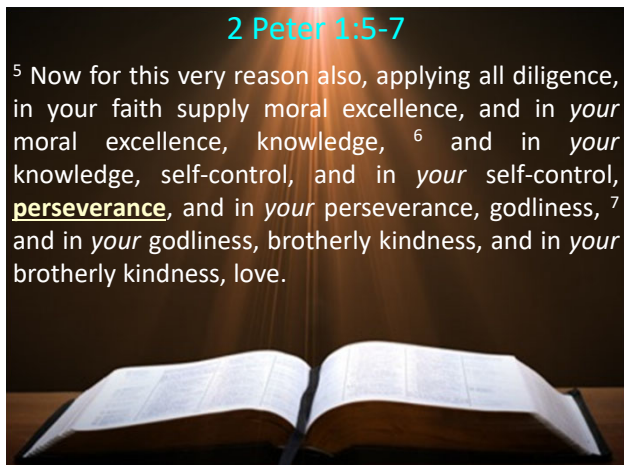
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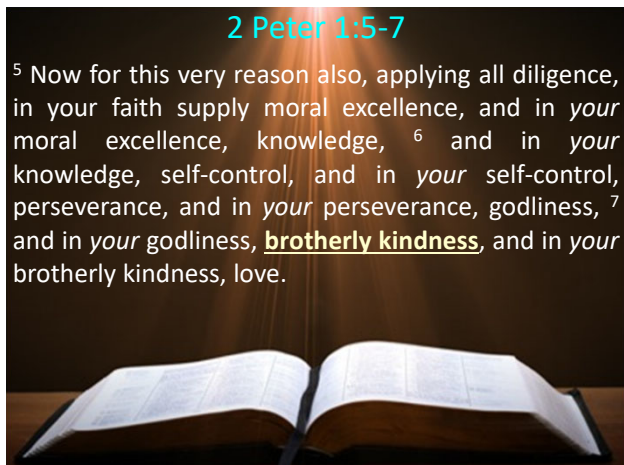
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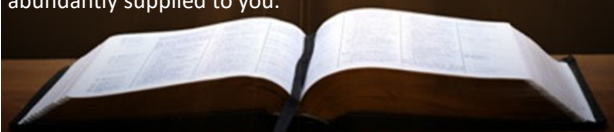
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John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes Him** who sent Me, **has eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but **has passed out** of death into life.”



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Lewis Sperry Chafer



“There is a normal Christian experience. There are new and blessed emotions and desires. Old things do pass away; and behold all things do become new; but all such experiences are but secondary evidences, as to the fact of salvation, in that they grow out of that positive repose of faith which is the primary evidence.”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Salvation: A Clear Doctrinal Analysis* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977), 60. Italics added

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Three Tenses of Salvation			
Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10


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Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)		
SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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1 Corinthians 3:15

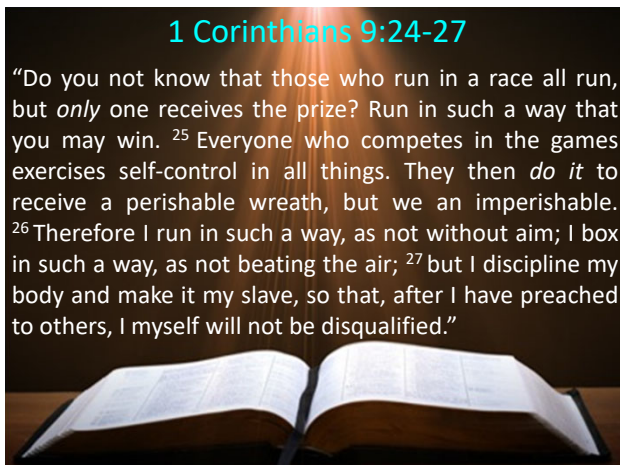
"If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."



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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."



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RECIPIENTS

- North-central portion of modern Turkey (1 Pet. 1:1)
- Regenerated (1 Pet. 1:3-4; 2 Pet. 1:1)
- **Jewish**
 - ◆ Diaspora (1 Pet. 1:1; Jas. 1:1; John 7:35)
 - ◆ Aliens/sojourners (1 Pet. 1:1)
 - ◆ Pilgrims (1 Pet. 2:11)
 - ◆ Distinguished from the Gentiles (1 Pet. 2:12; 4:3)
 - ◆ 1 Pet 2:9 (Exod. 19:6; Rom. 10:19)
 - ◆ To the church/churches? (1 Pet. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:1)
 - ◆ Gal. 2:7-8

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Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; **And the government will rest on His shoulders;** And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ **There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.



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