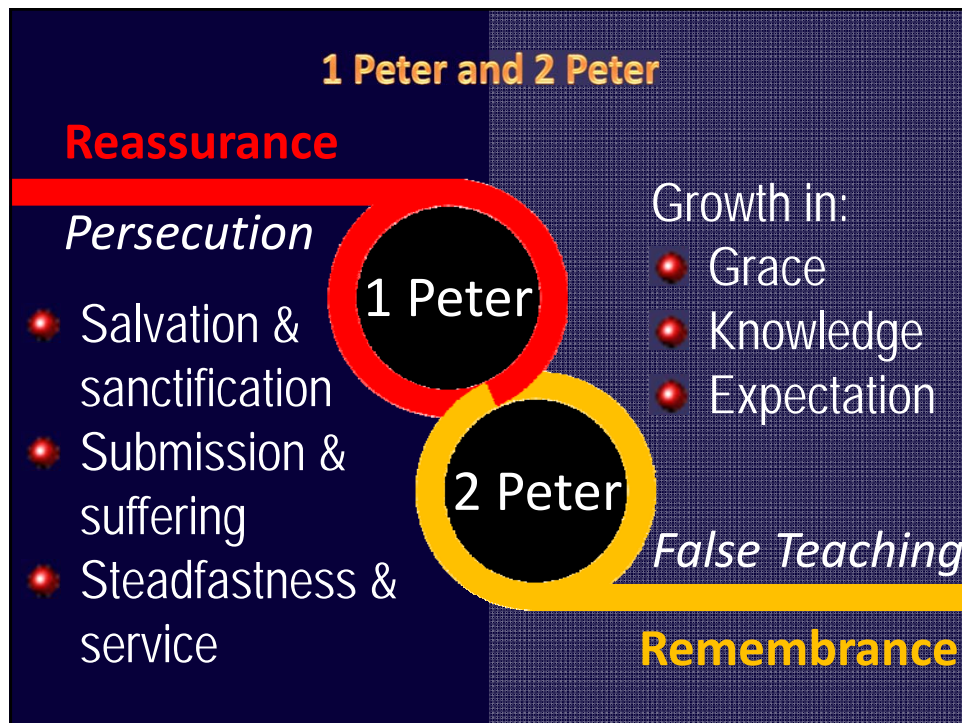
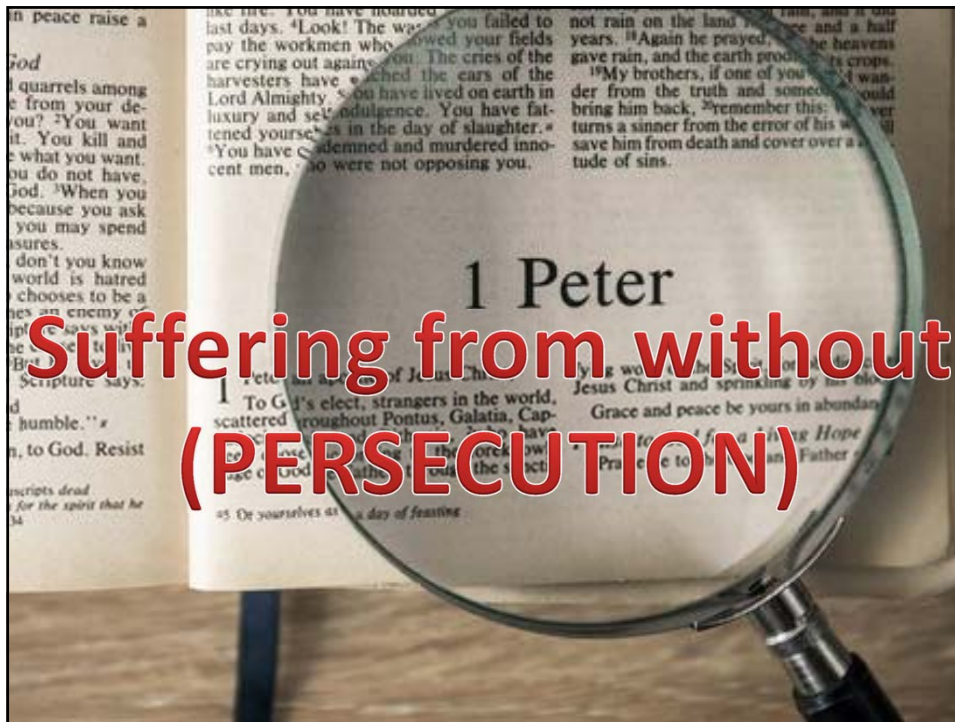


The “three dimensions” of salvation

- **Faith** **A tested faith**
Willing to go but wanting to stay
- **Hope** **A living hope**
Wanting to go but willing to stay
- **Love** **A joyful love**





KEY THEME

God's grace
 and the
 living hope
 (in times of
 persecution)

1 Peter

Outline

GOD'S GRACE AND SALVATION

(1 Peter 1:1—2:10)

- Live in hope—1:1–12 **LAST WEEK**
- Live in holiness—1:13–21 **LAST WEEK**
- Live in harmony—1:22—2:10 **LAST WEEK**

GOD'S GRACE AND SUBMISSION

(1 Peter 2:11—3:12)

- Submit to authorities—2:11–17 **LAST WEEK**
- Submit to masters—2:18–25 **LAST WEEK**
- Submit in the home—3:1–7
- Submit in the church—3:8–12

GOD'S GRACE AND SUFFERING

(1 Peter 3:13—5:11)

- Make Jesus Christ Lord—3:13–22
- Have Christ's attitude—4:1–11
- Glorify Christ's name—4:12–19
- Look for Christ's return—5:1–6
- Depend on Christ's grace—5:7–14

1 Peter 3

- ¹ Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ² when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear [**of the LORD**].
- ³ Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—
- ⁴ rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

YOUR *beauty* **SHOULD NOT**
 COME FROM OUTWARD ADORNMENT,
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 JEWELRY OR *fine* CLOTHES.
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YOUR INNER SELF,
 THE *unfading beauty*
 OF A GENTLE & QUIET SPIRIT,
 WHICH IS OF *Great worth*
IN GOD'S SIGHT.
1 PETER 3:3-4

- ⁵ For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Word to Husbands

- ⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honour to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

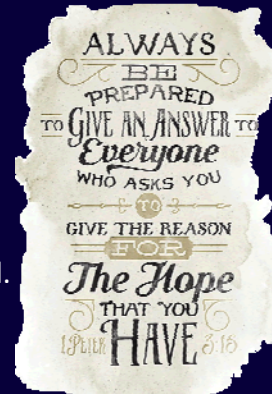


Called to Blessing

- ⁸ Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tender-hearted, *be* courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.
- ¹⁰ For
- “He who would love life and see good days,
Let him refrain his tongue from evil,
And his lips from speaking deceit.
¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good;
Let him seek peace and pursue it.
¹² For the eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous,
And His ears *are open* to their prayers;
But the face of the LORD *is* against those who do evil.”

Suffering for Right and Wrong

- 13 And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?
- 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."
- 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;
- 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.



- 17 For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Remember

IT IS BETTER TO SUFFER FOR
DOING GOOD
IF THAT IS WHAT GOD WANTS
THAN TO SUFFER FOR
DOING WRONG.

A potentially confusing verse

Christ's Suffering and Ours

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh

but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

Luke 16:19-31

²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah,

Genesis 6:1-7

while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

Genesis 6:8-8:16

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Remember, if the plain sense makes sense seek no other sense.

²¹ There is also an antitype* which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

1 Peter 4

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

* Something in Messianic times which is like the ancient example, as baptism corresponds to the deluge.

- 3 For we *have spent* enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.
- 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*.
- 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Those who do evil want to force everyone to participate, so that they are not held accountable for their actions.

And He [*the risen Jesus*] commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead." (Acts 10:42)

- 6 For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

Serving for God's Glory

- 7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.
- 8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."
- 9 *Be* hospitable to one another without grumbling.
- 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

**Above all
love
each other
deeply because
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over a multitude
of sins**

1 Peter 4:8

¹¹ If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Suffering for God's Glory

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

¹⁶ Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

¹⁷ For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

¹⁸ Now

“If the righteous one is scarcely saved,
Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 5

- ¹ The elders who are among you I exhort, **I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:** ² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the **crown of glory** that does not fade away.

Submit to God, Resist the Devil

- ⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders.

Promised crowns



Crown of Life (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10) for those who have suffered for His sake;



Crown of Righteousness (2 Tim 4:8) for those who loved His appearing;



Crown of Incorruptible (1 Cor 9:25) for those who press on steadfastly;



Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess 2:19) for those who win souls



Crown of Glory (1 Pet 5:4) for those who fed the flock

Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

Pride is a barrier to spiritual progress.

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.



⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. ¹¹ To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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You are **not** alone!

Quick review of 1 Peter 5:8-10

- 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

"Be sober" means "to be watchful; circumspect."

Satan is real. Bitter. Malignant. Resourceful. However, refuse him his place and he flees (James 4:7).

- 9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

You are not alone.

- 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

"...after that ye have suffered a while": we grow by suffering. "Perfect"= completed. Your present afflictions may be preparation for ministering to others.

- 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. ¹¹To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Farewell and Peace

- 12 By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

- 13 She **[the *ekklesia*, not a person]** who is in Babylon*, elect together with *you*, greets you; and *so does* Mark my son.

¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

* What does Peter mean by Babylon?

The Babylon that Peter refers to in 1 Peter 5:13 was a real city, but there have been several interpretations about which city.

* Babylon (on the Euphrates)	Babylon was a major Jewish centre and HQ of the Nestorian Church (Babylonian Talmud written there).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter's mission was to the Jews. 2. Per the book of Acts, Peter had travelled to nearby Antioch, Syria.
* Babylon (a city in Egypt)	The city did exist; could also be a code for Alexandria, Egypt.	A tradition of the Coptic Church, but no corroborating evidence.
* Babylon (a code word for Rome)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Roman tradition</u> holds that Peter was martyred in Rome. 2. No validated independent evidence. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter did not found Roman church or serve as its first Bishop (see #2). 2. Paul would not minister in Rome had Peter arrived there first. (Rom 15:20)

Big ideas in the book of 1 Peter

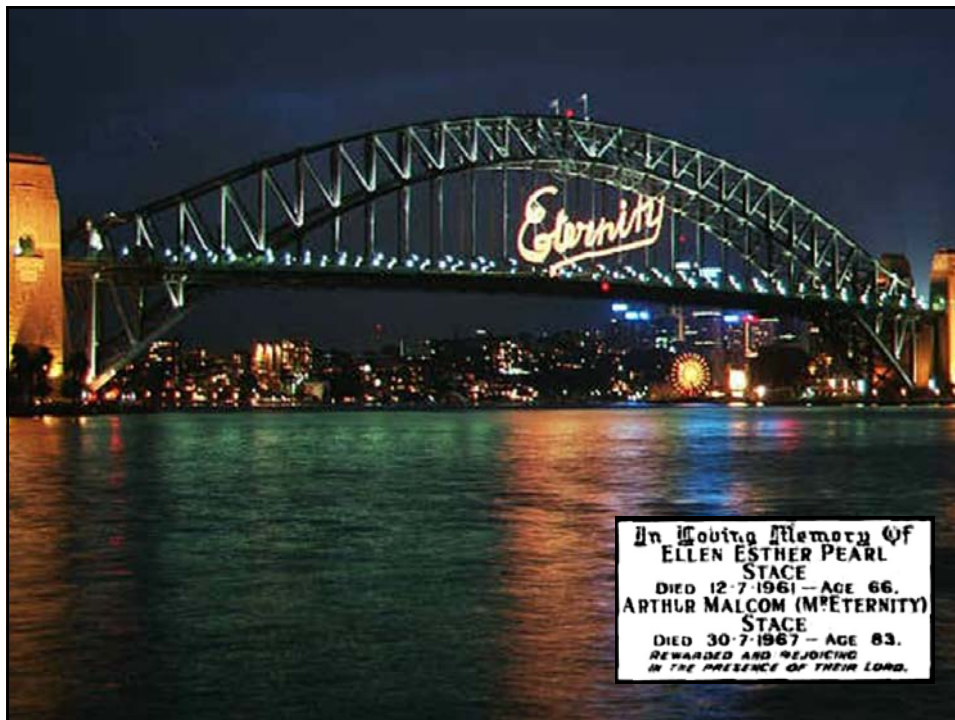
Peter encourages Christians to endure persecution

Christians can rejoice in the middle of suffering because of the new life God has given them

Suffering tests the genuineness of one's faith

God's people are called to live as a royal priesthood and holy nation who give praise to God for rescuing them

People who reject Jesus, the cornerstone, will decline and fall



1 Peter

● Salvation

1. Individual – the Word of God
 - a. A living hope
 - b. A tested faith
 - c. A joyful love
2. Corporate – the people of God
 - a. A spiritual house
 - b. A royal house
 - c. A royal priesthood
 - d. A holy nation

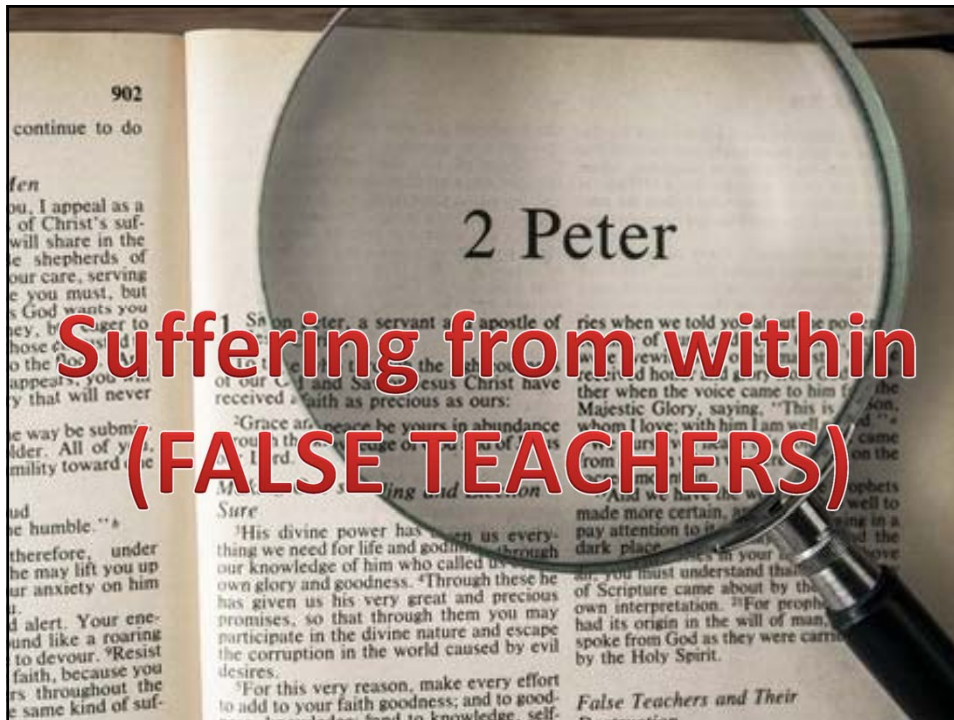
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- **Suffering**

1. Not deserved – right, not wrong
2. Not revenged – Good, not evil
3. Not successful – Spirit, not body

- **Submission**

1. Subjects - to rulers – national and local
2. Slaves – to masters (even harsh)
3. Wives – to husbands (especially unbelievers)
4. Younger – to elders (who serve, not lord)



KEY THEME

Spiritual knowledge

1 Peter

KEY POINTS

Peter had been a courageous but careless Christian:

- He rushed in when he should wait;
- He slept when he should pray;
- He talked when he should listen.

But through God's grace, Peter learned his lesson, and we can, too.

1 Peter

KEY VERSE

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: 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.

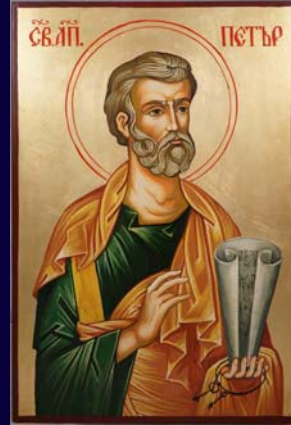
2 Peter 2:3-4

Historicity of 2 Peter

- Probably written shortly after his first letter c AD 64-68. Like most “second” epistles, it is largely a corrective message by the author.
- Probably written after Paul’s death, as Peter mentions “all his epistles” as already in circulation.
- In Peter’s final message just prior to his martyrdom, he gives specific warnings concerning the upcoming apostasy.
- A tiny fragment 7Q10 found with part of Mark’s Gospel (7Q5, Mark 6:52-53) was found in Cave 7. It has six letters from 2 Peter 1:15. 2 Peter may have been a cover letter to Mark’s Gospel sent to Qumran shortly before the Jewish War in AD 68 closed the cave.
- Though well accepted by the 4th century, some Reformers (Luther, Erasmus, Calvin) did not regard 2 Peter highly.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ

- Simon (original name) Peter (“stone”, name given by Jesus), Cephas (Aramaic version of Peter).
- c. 1 AD - Born Bethsaida (John 1:44)
- c. 25 AD - Married (Mark 1:30)
- c. 29 AD - Fisherman in Capernaum with his father and brother Andrew.
- “Unlearned” (Acts 4:13), meaning he had no formal religious schooling (other than a 3-year apprenticeship).
- A leading apostle called to minister to the Jews (Galatians 2:1-10). Writing these letters was part of his ministry.
- c. 64 AD - John Mark (“Mark, my son” 1 Peter 5:13) who wrote the Gospel of Mark (*probably* the gospel according to Peter).



Simon Peter

A Fisherman of Capernaum



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Outline

EXPLANATION: THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

(2 Peter Chapter 1)

- The gift of knowledge—1:1–4
- The growth in knowledge—1:5–11
- The ground of knowledge—1:12–21

EXAMINATION: THE FALSE TEACHERS

(2 Peter Chapter 2)

- Their condemnation—2:1–9
- Their character—2:10–17
- Their claims—2:18–22

EXHORTATION: THE TRUE BELIEVER

(2 Peter Chapter 3)

- Be mindful—3:1–7
- Be not ignorant—3:8–10
- Be diligent—3:11–14
- Beware—3:15–18