

2 Peter Summary

Chapter 1		
Faith as precious as ours	Life have everything for a godly life	Growth add to your faith
Chapter 2		
Remember refresh your memory	Read prophetic message	Refute false teachers
Chapter 3		
Hope day of the Lord	Holiness godly lives	Home new heaven/ earth

Peter nears the end of his life (1:12-15) and his letter (3:17-18). Christians look forward to the great Day of the Lord when Jesus will return. We know all's well that ends better! Followers of Jesus are freed from judgment, guilt, and death; creation is freed to be a new world of joyful and fruitful peace (Isaiah 11:9)

How should we live now?

3:14 ***'So then dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.'***

Not like the false teachers - blots and blemishes (2:13-14). Those most at home in God's new creation world will strive eagerly to live in true holiness now.

God is patient: *'our Lord's patience means salvation, as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters.'* (3:15). **Peter and Paul were of one mind.**

Paul: *'I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who believe'* (1 Timothy 1:16).

Paul's ***'letters contain some things that are hard to understand which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do other Scriptures, to their own destruction.'***

Grace: God treats us with undeserved love and kindness. People use grace as a license to sin saying: God forgives so the more I sin the more God is shown to be a great forgiver. ***Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?*** Romans 6:1-2

Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory now and forever! Amen.

Peter is writing to Christian 'friends' (3:1, 8, 14, 17) **Growing in grace and knowledge = Living is Learning:** "grace of God offers salvation to all people. It **teaches** us to say **'No'** to ungodliness and worldly passions...**to live** self-controlled upright, godly lives in this present age while we **wait** for the appearing of Jesus Christ' (Titus 2:11-12)!

So with Peter we say: **'To him be glory both now and forever! Amen'**