

2 Peter 1:1-3

Overview of the Book of 2 Peter and Insight on a Key Dynamic of Spiritual Growth

The Relationship Between 1 Peter and 2nd Peter

Same human author same divine Author; same original readers

Different setting; emphasis/focus

1 Peter (2:11-12): written to an urgent/crisis setting of intense persecution

2 Peter (3:14-3:18): written after the crisis to address an important ongoing need

1 Peter: addresses the problem of physical hostility vs the Church

2 Peter: addresses the problem of moral/doctrinal heresy vs the Church

1 Peter: gives comfort for suffering saints...be aware of the fact that pain has purpose

2 Peter: urges caution concerning spiritual deviation...beware of poison in the pulpit

The Flow of Thought of 2 Peter

Think of a Three Story Building Topped by a Large Arch

The Arch: The Book's Purpose Statement (3:14-17)

Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, diligent to be found in Him in peace, spotless and blameless...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Hope (3:1-13) Look Up and Beyond (Just) the Now

"...we are looking for New Heavens and New Earth in which righteousness dwells."

Heresy (2:1-22) Look Around-There Are Real Spiritual Dangers We Must Avoid

"...there will be false teachers among you who will introduce destructive heresies"

Holiness (1:3-21) Look Inward-Our #1 Sp Enemy is Our Selfish/Superficial Nature

"...applying all diligence in your faith supply moral excellence..."

COMPARISON of the Salutations of 1 Peter and 2 Peter

1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: may [Christian Life] grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

2 Peter 1:1-3 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and Apostle of Jesus Christ [writing] to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: [Christian Life] grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge [epignosis] of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge [epignosis] of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

Verses 2-3 and a KEY Mechanism to Spiritual Growth/Fruitfulness]

May [C-Life] grace and peace be multiplied to you in [by means of] the knowledge [epignosis] of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that [consistent with the fact that] His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, [everything the believer needs to live a God honoring life] through the true knowledge [epignosis] of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence [His glorious excellence/greatness].

IOWs: to fully access Christian Life grace/peace...believers need epignosis (a knowledge of truth that forms the basis of our convictions, priorities/choices...a “knowledge” that goes beyond a mental awareness of information/biblical factoids.

Gnosis: being aware of information

Epignosis: information embraced as truth which is held as personal convictions that form the basis for spiritual transformation/growth

Gnosis // knowing about flying based on books, movies and riding on airplanes

Epignosis // knowing about flying based on actual experience in flying real airplanes...
...consistent with information (Gnosis) about flying

Gnosis: mental awareness of biblical doctrines/principles/commands/promises as data by which a person is informed > ignorant...and which tends to puff up (1Corinthians 8:1)

Epignosis: > mere mental awareness of facts-it is personal appropriation of biblical doctrines/principles/commands/promises as transforming truth which as the basis for our personal convictions that direct our priorities/choices to the glory of Christ Jesus.

NOTE: 1 Peter 1:22-2:5 // 2 Peter 1:2-3; 1:8 in view of the above

Overall Theme/Application of the Book

A Christ-Centered Hope Should Motivate Believers Now to Embrace a Lifestyle of True Holiness (Wholeness) and to Avoid the Errors (Morally/Doctrinally) of False Teachers

Christian “hope” (elpis) is to eagerly anticipate to something that’s coming in the future Christians are TDY (Temporary Duty) on Planet Earth awaiting PCS (Permanent Change of Station) in Heaven...and so we ought to live with a holy lust (epithumia = strong desire) to serve (not 2nd guess) our LORD despite the challenges we will face in the now.

SPECIFIC LESSON From 2 Peter 1:2-3

Information (Gnosis) is a Necessary Raw Material in the Process of Spiritual Growth...But It is Not an End in Itself! True Spirituality is about our Hearts (Mind/Will) Informed by Facts Which are Embraced as Truth (Epignosis) and Lived Out 24/7 as the Believer Abides in Christ: Not Just on Sunday AM/Wednesday PM, but on Monday AM Friday afternoons and even on Prom Night or Out of Town Business Trips. The Lordship of Christ Applies to Every Area of the Christian Life Not Just to Bible Trivia Contests.

When Churches Emphasize TEACHING of Holy Scripture as the Foundational Function of Its Ministry the BAD NEWS is: it is possible for some to too cool or too superficial to care and to actually over time and become hardened by the light. It is also possible for some to eagerly access “new” biblical facts/info but to see that (Gnosis) as an end in itself (this happens to some Bible College and/or Seminary graduates-but not me or James :). The GOOD NEWS: others faithfully receive biblical info with their heads (mind), embrace it as God-given truth in their hearts (the mind and the will Hebrews 4:12) and allow this truth to transform them one moment/one day/one thought one choice at a time.

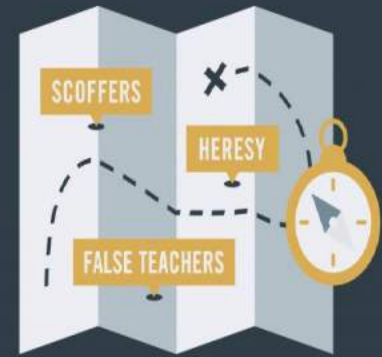
WARNING LABEL THAT SHOULD BE ON EVERY BIBLE

If our time IN the Word (as we read/study personally) and our time UNDER the Word (as we listen to Pastor-Teachers and other biblical teachers) seems routine or stale...be aware that this is a red light on our spiritual dashboard. It tells us we have become content with at best: processing selective portions of the Word of God as mere factual information as opposed to embracing it as transforming truth as we seek “by the mercies of God to present our bodies a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to God which is our logical service of worship” not being conformed to the world but being transformed by the renewing our minds that we may approve/choose what the will of God is for us-that which is good and acceptable and comprehensive. Romans 12:1-2



— GIVING ALL DILIGENCE —

FAITH – VIRTUE – KNOWLEDGE
SELF-CONTROL – PERSEVERANCE – GODLINESS
BROTHERLY KINDNESS – LOVE



2 PETER

Holiness, Heresy and Hope



W A R N I N G

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN
BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,
AND IS PROFITABLE FOR
DOCTRINE, REPROOF,
CORRECTION, AND FOR
INSTRUCTION IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

2 TIMOTHY 3:16





July 17, 2016

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HOW I SPENT
MY SUMMER
VACATION

Speakers and Writers
Don't Mean What They
Say...They Mean What
They Mean by What
They Say/Write



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“... \$36 for movie tickets, \$12 for comics, \$36.42 for pizza

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION



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“... \$36 for movie tickets, \$12 for comics, \$36.42 for pizza, \$19.74 for ice cream, \$22 for bike repairs, \$8 for a fake tattoo and \$14.95 for new flip-flops.”

HOW I SPENT
MY SUMMER
VACATION

This is "Funny"
Because of the
Difference Between
"Spent" (Time)
As Opposed to
"Spent" (\$\$\$)



HOW I SPENT
MY SUMMER
VACATION

Today in 2 Peter
Think About
“Knowledge”
As Opposed to
“Knowledge”



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HOW I SPENT
MY SUMMER
VACATION

Today in 2 Peter
Think About
“Gnosis”
As Opposed to
“Epignosis”



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What Christ Has Done

Who We Are

What We Must Do

Who Christ Is

What Christ Will Do

Who God Is

What the Bible Is





The Great Commandment
Love the LORD

The Law of Christ
Love One Another

The Relationship

Between

1 Peter and 2 Peter

1 Peter

Human Author

The Apostle Peter

Divine Author

God the Holy Spirit

Original Readers

Christians in Asia Minor

Original Setting

Crisis/Persecution

1 Peter 2:11-12

2 Peter

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The Apostle Peter

Divine Author

God the Holy Spirit

Original Readers

Christians in Asia Minor

Original Setting

Caution/Perversions

2 Peter 3:14-18

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing **that you contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all handed down to the saints.

2 Peter

**Therefore beloved...be diligent to be found in Him
in peace, spotless and blameless...grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

HOPE Chapter 3

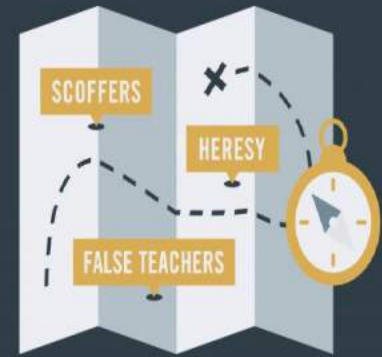
HERESY Chapter 2

HOLINESS Chapter 1



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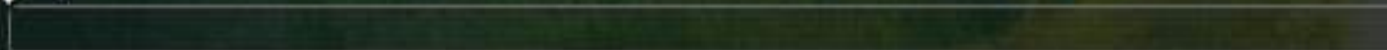
Holiness, Heresy and Hope

W A R N I N G



IT'S ABOUT A
RELATIONSHIP.

01:23





Because Christ Died FOR Our Sins...
...We Don't Have to Die IN Our Sins

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Gnosis

Awareness of Information

“Knowing” about Flying
From Books/Plane Rides

Biblical Consciousness

Involves the Head

1 Corinthians 8:1

Epignosis

Info Embraced as Truth

“Knowing” about Flying
From Flying Airplanes

Biblical Convictions

Involves the Heart

Romans 3:20; 10:2

The Message of 2 Peter

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Take This To Heart

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In the Process of SG...But It is Not an End in Itself.

TS is rooted in Our Hearts (M/W) Informed by

Facts Which are Embraced as Truth (Epignosis).

Κυριος
Lord

Title

Ιησους
Jesus

Name

Χριστος
Christ

Title

corresponds
to the OT Word

יהוה

meaning
"God"

Title: God

corresponds
to the OT Word

יהושע

meaning
"God-Savior"

Human Name:
God-Savior

corresponds
to the OT Word

משיח

meaning
"Savior"

Title: Savior

Lord Jesus Christ = God-Man-Savior

Hebrews 4:2

HEARERS: The Exodus Generation

SPEAKERS: Moses and Aaron

The Word they heard did not profit them because
it was not united by faith in those who heard.



Michael

Back to School
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CAN NOT...

- talk
- walk
- sit up
- communicate
- write
- control head

CAN.

- smile a bit
- make eye con
- focus

More to
Come to
Come to

THE BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation