

# 2 Peter 1: 12 - 21

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Ch 1: 1-2 **A. Salutation**

Ch 1: 3-4 **B. The Great gift of Christ the Messiah – Salvation**

Christ is the Messiah worthy of total devotion.

Christ is the Messiah of Faith.

Christ is the Messiah of grace and peace.

Christ is the Messiah of life and godliness.

Christ is the Messiah of the divine nature.

Ch 1: 5-11 **C. The Great Things of the Believer's Life**

1. Add and grow in virtues

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## Ch 1: 12-15 **C. The Great Things of the Believer's Life (continued)**

2. Use these virtues in your Christian Walk of Life to live a righteous life and with God's grace and mercy you may inherit eternal life.
3. Share these virtues with your brothers and sisters in Christ and those in the world.

## Ch 1: 16-21 **D. The Great Proof of Salvation**

The first proof of salvation – The Great eyewitness account of Christ's majesty and transfiguration.

The second proof of salvation – The account of prophecy and Scripture

Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

1. In what did Peter say his readers were established? (1:12)

## 2 Peter 1:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.

**You have been established in the truth which is present with you.**

1. In what did Peter say his readers were established? ([1:12](#))

**I will always be ready to remind you of these things,**

**A.** The greatness, blessings and God's promises of salvation - 2 Peter 1: 1-4

**B.** The great power of Christian qualities (virtues) that we diligent apply to our lives – 2 Peter 1: 5-10

**C.** “The entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ will abundantly supplied to you” – 2 Peter 1: 11

# 1. In what did Peter say his readers were established? (1:12)

D. Peter, as a shepherd, displays gentleness, meekness and tenderness when he acknowledged that his readers already possessed godly virtues.

## Colossians 1:3-6

<sup>3</sup> We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

<sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;

<sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

<sup>6</sup> which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;

2. What did Peter think it was right for him to do? And what was imminent in his life?([1:13-14](#))

## 2 Peter 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup> I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, **to stir you up by way of reminder,**

<sup>14</sup> knowing that the laying aside of my **earthly dwelling is imminent,** as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

**A. To stir you up by way of reminder**

**B. Peter is close to death**

2. What did Peter think it was right for him to do? And what was imminent in his life?([1:13-14](#))

## A. By way of reminder

Peter keeps teaching and reviewing doctrines and commands in Scripture.

## B. Knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent

### 2 Corinthians 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven,

3. What did Peter want his readers to be able to do after his death? ([1:15](#))

## 2 Peter 1:15

<sup>15</sup> And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

**You will be able to call these to mind**

3. What did Peter want his readers to be able to do after his death? ([1:15](#))

## John 21:18-19

<sup>18</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

<sup>19</sup> Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He \*said to him, "Follow Me!"

4. What did Peter say he and others had not followed? What gave Peter his credibility?

(1:16)

## 2 Peter 1:16

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

**A. For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**B. We were eyewitnesses of His majesty**

4. What did Peter say he and others had not followed? What gave Peter his credibility?

(1:16)

False teachers accused Peter in deceiving people with lies.

A. All the apostles had seen Christ's majesty in His life and ministry

**John 2:11**

<sup>11</sup> This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

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(1:16)

B. Peter and the apostles witness Jesus' death on the cross

### **John 19:25-30**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

<sup>26</sup> When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He \*said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

<sup>27</sup> Then He \*said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, \*said, "I am thirsty."

<sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon *a branch of hyssop* and brought it up to His mouth.

<sup>30</sup> Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

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## C. Peter and the apostles witness Jesus' resurrection

### **Luke 24:33-36**

<sup>33</sup> And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,

<sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."

<sup>35</sup> They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

<sup>36</sup> While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and \*said to them, "Peace be to you."

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## D. Peter and the apostles witness Jesus' ascension

### **Acts 1:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup> And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

<sup>11</sup> They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

## 5. What did God say about Jesus? (1:17)

**2 Peter 1:17**

<sup>17</sup> For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—

**Jesus received honor and glory from God the Father**

**"This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"**

# 5. What did God say about Jesus? (1:17)

## Matthew 17:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Six days later Jesus \*took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and \*led them up on a high mountain by themselves.

<sup>2</sup> And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

<sup>3</sup> And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

# 6. Who heard the voice of God? Where? (1:18)

2 Peter 1:18

<sup>18</sup> and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

**We heard this utterance made from heaven (Peter, James and John) Matt. 17:5, Mark 9:7 and Luke 9:35**

**The holy mountain**

7. What did Peter tell his readers that they should do? (1:19)

## 2 Peter 1:19

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

7. What did Peter tell his readers that they should do? ([1:19](#))

## A. Pay attention to the Prophetic Word

Believers are to know and carefully heed Scripture so that they can reject false teachers.

### **Ephesians 6:11**

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

7. What did Peter tell his readers that they should do? ([1:19](#))

**B. God's Word is a lamp shining in a dark place**

**Proverbs 6:23**

<sup>23</sup> For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life

7. What did Peter tell his readers that they should do? ([1:19](#))

**C. When the day dawns** – When Jesus Christ returns

1. Jesus will terminate the temporary earthly night of sin and spiritual darkness.
2. Jesus will return in glory to establish His kingdom.

## 7. What did Peter tell his readers that they should do? ([1:19](#))

### Revelation 19:11-16

<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

<sup>12</sup> His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself.

<sup>13</sup> *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

<sup>15</sup> From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

<sup>16</sup> And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

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**D. The morning star arises in believers' hearts** – When Jesus returns, He will transform believers into perfect reflections of the truth and righteousness of Christ and make them into the image of His glory

## 7. What did Peter tell his readers that they should do? (1:19)

### 2 Peter 3:10-13

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

<sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

<sup>13</sup> But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

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## Revelation 20:11

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

## Revelation 21:1

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

8. What did Peter want his readers to understand? What makes prophecy special? (1:20-21)

## 2 Peter 1:20-21

<sup>20</sup> But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,

<sup>21</sup> for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

A. No prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation

B. No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will

C. Men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God

8. What did Peter want his readers to understand? What makes prophecy special? ([1:20-21](#))

## **John 14:26**

<sup>26</sup> "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

## **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

<sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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The Bible has one central theme

**Jesus Christ**

**Hebrews 1:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

<sup>2</sup> in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

# Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

2 Peter and Jude shows the difference between the true Teacher (Jesus) and false teachers.

## **John 14:6**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus \*said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

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## 2 Peter 1:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, **I will always be ready to remind you** of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*.

## 2 Peter 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup> But **false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.**

<sup>2</sup> Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

## Jude 1:5

<sup>5</sup> Now **I desire to remind you**, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

## Jude 1:4

<sup>4</sup> For **certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.**

# Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

2 Peter 2:4

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

2 Peter 2:6

<sup>6</sup> and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live *ungodly lives* thereafter;

Jude 1:6

<sup>6</sup> And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

Jude 1:7

<sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

# Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

## 2 Peter 2:10-12

<sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties,

<sup>11</sup> whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

## Jude 1:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.

<sup>9</sup> But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

<sup>10</sup> But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

# Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

## 2 Peter 2:13

<sup>13</sup> suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,

## 2 Peter 2:15-16

<sup>15</sup> forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

<sup>16</sup> but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, *for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.*

## Jude 1:12

<sup>12</sup> These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;

## Jude 1:11

<sup>11</sup> Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

# Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

**2 Peter 2:17**

**17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.**

**2 Peter 2:18**

**18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,**

**Jude 1:12-13**

**12 These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; 13 wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.**

**Jude 1:16**

**16 These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.**

# Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

## 2 Peter 3:1-2

<sup>1</sup> This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

<sup>2</sup> that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

## 2 Peter 3:3

<sup>3</sup> Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,

## Jude 1:17

<sup>17</sup> But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

## Jude 1:18

<sup>18</sup> that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

# Similarities between 2 Peter and Jude

## 2 Peter 3:14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

## 2 Peter 3:18

<sup>18</sup> but 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.

## Jude 1:24

<sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

## Jude 1:25

<sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.