

THE STUDY OF II PETER

This study is designed to encourage you to begin to develop a solid foundation for the book or epistle you are studying. In each study you will find a brief background on the book or letter, general themes found in the book, a list of key words found within the chapter and a set of questions can be answered directly from the verse provided at the end of the question.

Please plan to read the book or letter in its entirety first then begin the study. You will need a pen, a note pad, and your Bible. Once you've read through the entire book go back to the beginning and read the first chapter. Circle key words in that chapter. Compare your key words with the key words listed in the study. Now read the chapter again, and mark in your margin, key points. Jot down key points on your own note pad.

Answer the questions for chapter one. You will find the answer in the verse provided at the end of the question. When you have finished the questions, retitle the chapter. The names and subtitles are not divinely inspired but placed there to give clarity. This exercise will help you develop in your own mind, the important aspects of each chapter. Proceed in this fashion until you finish the course of study. You will find that when the study is repeated you will glean new and fresh revelation each time. Before you begin however, begin in prayer asking the Lord to give you revelation and understanding.

1. Read the entire book or epistle in one day if possible.
2. Next, read the 1st chapter marking all key words.
3. Compare your key words with those listed in the study.
4. Make a note in the margin of the key points in each chapter
5. Jot down the key points on your own note pad.

6. Read the chapter again.

7. Answer the questions for each chapter and retitl the chapter.

When you complete the study you should have a solid foundational understanding of what the author was conveying through the power of the Holy Spirit. Small group studies or Sunday school classes will find it extremely helpful to allow for open discussion after each chapter. Plan on covering one half a chapter per week if you do have discussion. If you are not in a small group or Adult Bible Fellowship, then you may want to encourage a friend to join you in your study. Now lets begin.

Background

This epistle was written by Simon Peter. (1:1) He was an eyewitness to the transfiguration (1:16-18). In the letter Peter refers to Paul as "Our dear brother" (3:15) It was written toward the end of Peters life (1:12-15) in an effort to encourage believers to grow in Christian virtues, to warn them of false prophets and to clarify the coming of the day of the Lord.

Themes

Chapter 1

Grow in Christian Virtues

1. Who wrote the letter? Vs 1
2. How does Peter describe himself? a _____ and an _____ Vs 1
3. Who is it written to? To those who have received the same _____ as ours and by the _____ of God Vs 1
4. Peter sends a blessing of _____ and _____. Vs 2

5. What has the divine power of God granted us? Vs 3
6. He has granted everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true _____ of Him who has _____ us by His own _____ and excellence. Vs 3
7. What did he grant us and why? _____ so that we might become _____ of the divine nature. Vs 4
8. For this reason applying all _____ in your faith supply moral _____, knowledge. Vs 5
9. In you Knowledge, _____ and in your self-control, _____ and in your perseverance _____ Vs 6
10. In your godliness, brotherly _____ and in your brotherly kindness _____ Vs 7
11. With these qualities you are neither _____ or _____ in the true knowledge of Christ. Vs 8
12. For those who lack these qualities, they are _____ and _____, having forgotten his _____ from his former sins. Vs 9
13. Be diligent to remember His calling and choosing you, so as long as you practice these things, you will never _____. Vs 10
14. For in this way, the _____ into the Kingdom of God will be supplied to you. Vs 11
15. Peter writes, he will always be ready to _____ them of these things. Vs 12
16. He considered it right to stir them up by way of _____. Vs 13
17. Peter was ready to lay aside his earthly dwelling. It was imminent and made clear by _____. Vs 14

18. Peter wanted the reader to bring these things to _____ after he is gone. Vs 15
19. Peter did not follow cleverly devised _____, but was an _____. Vs 16
20. What did God say about Jesus in Peter's hearing? Vs 17
21. Where did Peter hear God make this statement? Vs 18
22. The prophetic word was made more _____, so Peter urged the reader to pay attention. Vs 19
23. No prophecy is was ever made by an act of _____ _____, but men moved by the _____ _____ spoke from _____ Vs 20

Key Points

Peter is encouraging the believer to grow in Christian virtues, explaining that those who do not grow are short-sighted and have forgotten the purifications from his past sins. He encourages the believer to practice these things so they will not stumble. He reminded the reader of his experience on the Mount of Transfiguration. He reminds us that scripture was not of an act of human will but from men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Key Words

Partakers in divine nature

Moral excellence

Knowledge

Self-control

Perseverance

Godliness

Brotherly kindness

Love

Practice these things

Prophecy of Scripture

Holy Spirit

Chapter 2

False Prophets

1. Peter clearly writes that there will be _____ among us. Vs 1
2. What will these false prophets introduce? Vs 1
3. False prophets will deny the _____, bringing swift _____ upon _____, Vs 1
4. How many will follow them? Vs 2
5. The way of truth will be _____ because of these false prophets. Vs 2
6. In their _____ they will _____ you with _____ words. Vs 3
7. Their judgment is not _____ and their destruction is not _____.Vs 3

8. God did not spare the _____ who _____ but cast them into _____ and committed them to pits of _____ reserved for _____. VS 4
9. God did not spare the ancient _____ but did spare _____ a preacher of _____ with _____ others when He brought the _____ upon the world. Vs 5
10. God condemned the cities of _____ and _____ to _____ by reducing them to _____, having made an example of those who live _____ thereafter. Vs 6
11. He rescued righteous _____ who was oppressed by _____ conduct of _____ men who's soul was tormented day after day with their _____ deeds. Vs 7-8
12. The Lord knows how to rescue the _____ from _____ and to keep the _____ under _____ for the day of _____. Vs 9
13. God knows how to handle those who indulge in the _____ in it corrupt _____ and _____ authority, those who are daring and _____, they do not tremble when the _____ angelic majesties. Vs 10
14. Angels who are greater in _____ and _____ do not bring _____ against angelic majesties. Vs 11
15. These are like unreasoning animals born as creatures of _____ to be captured and killed, _____ where they have no _____ will also be _____. Vs 12
16. They will suffer _____ as the wages for doing _____. They count it pleasure to _____, and _____ in their deceptions when the carouse with you. Vs 13

17. They have eyes full of _____ and never cease from _____ enticing unstable _____, having a heart trained for _____. They are _____. Vs 14
18. These revilers have forsaken the _____ way and have gone _____ having followed the way of _____ the son of _____ who loved the wages of the _____. Vs 15
19. He received a rebuke for his own _____ for a dumb _____ speaking with the voice of a _____ restrained the madness of the _____. Vs 16
20. These men are springs without _____ and mists driven by a _____ for whom the black _____ has been reserved. Vs 17
21. They speak out of _____ and entice by _____ desires by _____ those who barely escape for the ones who live in error. Vs 19
22. They promise others _____ while they themselves are _____ of _____, for by what a man is overcome, by this he is _____. Vs 19
23. After they have escaped the deceptions of this world by the knowledge of _____ they are again _____ in them and the last state is _____ for them than the _____. Vs 20
24. It would have been better for them not to have _____ the way of _____ than to have known it and turned away from the holy _____ delivered to them. Vs 21
25. A dog returns to its _____ and a sow after washing, returns to _____ in the mire. Vs 22

Key Points

Peter warned there would be false prophets and false teachers, but God knew how to rescue the godly and keep the unrighteous under punishment till the day of judgment. He warned against reviling angelic beings. They are more powerful and mightier. The revilers in their lack of understanding would not even tremble in doing so. Peter reminds the reader that these revilers would receive the wages of their unrighteousness. He describes them as springs without water, and mists driven by the storm as they speak arrogantly and entice the unstable with fleshly desires and by sensuality. They promise freedom while they themselves have been overcome and enslaved. Peter reminds us that it would have been better had they never known the way of righteousness.

Key Words

False prophet

False teacher

Greed

Destruction

Noah and Lot

Sodom and Gomorrah

Indulge in the Flesh

Sensuality

Way of Balaam

Wages of unrighteousness

Slaves of Corruption

A dog and a sow

Chapter 3

The Coming Day of the Lord

1. This is the second _____ I am writing you, which I am stirring up your sincere _____ by way of reminder. Vs 1
2. Peter wanted the reader to remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy _____ and the _____ of the Lord spoken by the _____. Vs 2
3. In the Last day _____ will come, following after their own _____. Vs 3
4. They will ask, "Where is the _____ of His _____?" Vs 4
5. By the _____ of God, the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of _____ by _____. Vs 5
6. At that time the world was being _____ being _____ with water. Vs 6
7. The present _____ and _____ by His _____ are being reserved for _____ kept for the day of _____ and _____ of ungodly _____. Vs 7
8. With the Lord, one day is a _____ years and a thousand years is as one _____. Vs 8

9. The Lord is not _____ about His _____, as some are slow, but is _____ toward you not wishing any to _____ but all to come to _____. Vs 9
10. The day of the Lord will be like a _____. Vs 10
11. The heavens will pass _____ with a roar, and the elements will be _____ with intense _____ and the earth will be _____ up. Vs 10
12. Since all these things, what kind of people should you be in holy _____ and _____. Vs 11
13. Looking for and hastening the _____ of God, on account of which the _____ will be destroyed by _____ and the elements will melt with intense _____. Vs 12
14. According to His _____ we are looking for a new _____ and a new _____ in which the _____ dwells. Vs 13
15. Since you are looking for these things be diligent to be found by Him in _____, _____ and _____. Vs 14
16. Regard the patience of our Lord to be _____. Vs 15
17. Paul in his letters spoke of these things, and some are _____ to understand, which the untaught and unstable _____, as they do to the rest of the _____ to their own _____. Vs 16
18. Be on _____ lest you too, be carried away by _____ of _____ men, you fall away from your _____. Vs 17
19. Grow in the _____ and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Vs 18

Key Points

Peter reminds us that mockers will come mocking the belief in the return of Jesus Christ, asking "Where is the promise of His coming?" These people have forgotten that it is by the word of God that the heavens exist. Peter reminds the reader that the heavens and the earth will one day melt away and that the Lord is not slow in His promises, but patient not wanting any to perish. The lord will come like a thief in the night so be ready, be careful to conduct yourselves in holy conduct and godliness. He warns us to be on guard, and be careful not to be carried away of enticed by ungodly, unprincipled men. He admonishes us to grow in grace and knowledge.

Key Words

Day of the Lord

New Earth and New Heavens

Day of Judgment

His Promise

Thief in the night

Perish and repentance

Elements destroyed

Unprincipled men

