

24.1 Second Peter

Introduction

Key phrases: grace and knowledge, 1.2-3, 4, 8; 3.18

2 Peter 1:2-3, May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence

These phrases indicate Peter's purpose in writing: to encourage _____ in a healthy balance of _____ and _____.

What does it mean to say that the key to progress is personal based on 1.2-3 and 3.18 (**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**)? Note: it is this personal dimension that is threatened by things Peter discusses in the letter. That is what makes the things developed in the letter so important.

1) What then is at the center of the book?

There are three chapters and chapter two (the longest section that overflows into 3.1-7) covers the single topic of false teachers (false prophets, 2.1; ungodly, 2.6; bold and willful, 2.10; waterless springs, 2.17; dogs and sows, 2.22; scoffers, 3.3). Therefore, avoiding unsound doctrine and pursuing sound doctrine are back to back duties central in the book.

2) What is the source of sound doctrine? 1.16-21 (v 19, **And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts**)

3) What specific duty emerges in 1.5-7? (**For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love**)

4) What promise does Peter attach to this specific duty? 1.8 (**For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**)

5) How does Peter reinforce this duty by redefining it in terms of calling and election (1.10-11, **Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**)?

6) Based on 1.12-15, how does Peter's pastoral example "exhort" both pastors and members of the church?

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.