

2 Peter Chapter 1

1. Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

A. Simon Peter,

1. **Simon**- means *one who hears*

2. **Peter**- means *rock or stone*

a. How do you become a rock in the faith? It comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Peter listened to Jesus and believed Him. From this hearing he received the bedrock foundation revelation that the church is built on! He then became a rock in the faith in the early church.

b. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter because he had spiritually heard that Jesus was the Son of God. [Matt. 16:18](#)

B. a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

1. **bondservant**- Gr. **doulos**- *a slave, bondman, man of servile condition, metaphorically, one who gives himself up to another's will, devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests, a servant, attendant*

a. One must learn to serve God and others before they can be elevated in position with man. Notice Peter mentions servant first before his office of apostle. [John 12:25](#)

2. **apostle**- Gr. **apostolos**- *a sent one with authority and a message*

a. We can only exercise our authority in Christ to the degree we are submitted to God's authority over us.

b. We need to have a clear message before we go out to minister to others.

c. We need to be sent ones not merely went ones! Many are going out that have not been sent, and many staying put when they have been sent! This is a grievous problem in the body of Christ.

d. There are four categories of apostles in the NT. As each category goes there are more in that category.

1a. **The Apostle of our Confession**- There is only one in this category which is Jesus! [Heb. 3:1](#)

2a. **Apostles of the Lamb**- These are the twelve disciples. [Rev. 21:14](#)

3a. **Foundational Apostles**- These are those who wrote the NT.

[Eph. 2:20](#)

4a. **Equipping Apostles**- We have these today. They are one of the five-fold ministry gifts that we still have today. [Eph.](#)

[4:11](#)

3. **Jesus**- Gr. **iesous**- *one who saves, Savior*

4. **Christ**- Gr. **Christos**- *Anointed, Messiah*

a. Jesus is anointed to save us. He is anointed to deliver, heal, and prosper us. We cooperate with that anointing by our faith.

C. to those who have obtained like-precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ

1. **have obtained**- Gr. **lagchano**- *to obtain by lotto have assigned to one, to obtain, receive*

a. The Christian life is about having obtained. It is about receiving not achieving!

b. Religion is about trying to obtain. It is about doing enough to get from God.

c. True Christianity is about what we have obtained because Jesus did enough for God on our behalf!

2. **like-precious**- Gr. **isotimos**- *of equal value or weight*

a. Every Christian was given the measure of faith. [Rom. 12:3](#), [2 Cor. 4:13](#), [Titus 1:4](#) It is evident that not all Christians exhibit the same faith. That is because some exercise their faith more than others. The faith that was given to you at your new birth can grow by exercising it. [2 Thess. 1:3](#)

3. **faith**- Gr. **pistis**- *firm persuasion*

a. Faith is merely firm persuasion based upon the Word of God. How do you know you are in faith or not? Ask yourself if you are firmly persuaded in your heart or not. If the answer is yes, then you are in faith. If not, then admit it and then go to the Word and mediate and ask God for revelation. Faith comes from the revelation of the Word of God. It comes by hearing the Word in your heart not just with your physical ears.

4. **righteousness**- Gr. **dikaioisune**- *the state of being as one ought to be*

a. Righteousness is the portal or opening through which God gives us everything else He has. We were given the righteousness of Christ when we got saved. It is through this righteousness that God imparts all that He has to us. [Rom. 5:17](#)

- b. You can't start consistently receive from God until you believe, receive, and accept that you have been made righteous in Christ.
- c. Righteousness means the state of being as one ought to be. This is not in our body or soul, but in our reborn spirit. Our identity is in our spirit, our personality in our soul, and our appearance in our body. Who we are in our identity is who we are in our spirit. An unbeliever is a sinner in their identity. A Christian is righteous in their identity. Once we renew our minds to our true identity then it will affect our thoughts, words, and actions.
- d. God must be righteous when He gives to us. He did that by paying for our sins by the blood of Jesus and making us righteous. [Rom. 3:26](#) Through that righteousness He gives us all other things.

5. **God-** Gr. **theos**

6. **Savior-** Gr. **soter-** *one who saves*

2. **Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,**

A. **Grace-** Gr. **charis-** *unmerited favor, divine supply, strength, ability*

- 1. Grace is not just the unmerited favor of God but also the divine supply of power, strength, and ability of God.

B. **peace-** Gr. **eirene-** *to join; tranquility and prosperity*

- 1. Peace is always the result of receiving grace by faith.
- 2. When we lack peace it is a sign we are not receiving and trusting in what God has already done and provided.

C. **multiplied-** Gr. **plethuno**

- 1. We can grow in grace and grace can be multiplied. I like multiplication when it works for me and not against me.
- 2. Grace and peace will be multiplied to us when we gain revelation knowledge of God the Father and of Jesus.
- 3. The more we get revelation on what has been given to us the more we can appropriate them by faith.

D. **knowledge-** Gr. **epignosis-** *higher knowledge, revelation knowledge*

- 1. The greatest need of every Christian is revelation knowledge not things. The knowledge we need is to know what we already have in Christ. Revelation will bring things!

E. **of God-** Gr. **theos**

- 1. There is revelation knowledge we need to know about God the Father.

This comes through the Word by the Spirit.

F. of Jesus- Gr. Iesous

1. There is revelation knowledge we need to know about Jesus Christ. This comes through the Word by the Spirit.

G. our Lord- Gr. kurios

1. Jesus is our Lord, not our president. We are his subjects, not his constituency! We are in a Kingdom, not a democracy or republic.
2. We don't get to vote Jesus out if we don't like the way He does things. We need to submit to His ways. His ways are always for our highest good by the way!

3. as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

A. as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,

1. **divine-** Gr. **theios-** *godlike, divinity*
2. **power-** Gr. **dunamis-** *inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth, ability*
 - a. God's power has already been given to us. Most Christians are seeking more power from God. All the power that God possesses has already been given to us in our reborn spirit through the Spirit of God. We need to tap into this power by faith in what has already been done and given.
3. **given-** Gr. **doreomai-** *to give freely, to give as a gift*
 - a. God has already given and done all He is ever going to give and do for us. It is not up to us to get God to move, but for us to move by receiving what He has done and provided by faith. There is a balance of grace and faith. One without the other is toxic at worst and ineffective at best.
4. **life-** Gr. **zoe**
 - a. This is for our natural life.
5. **godliness-** Gr. **eusebeia-** *reverence, respect, piety towards God*
 - a. This is for our spiritual life.

B. through the knowledge of Him who has called us by glory and virtue

1. **knowledge-** Gr. **epignosis-** *higher knowledge, revelation knowledge*
 - a. God has already provided all things we need. What we lack is revelation knowledge of what He has already provided!

2. **called**- Gr. **kaleo**

- a. With every call of God there comes a grace and anointing to fulfill it. They come with the call!

3. **by**- Gr. **dia**- *through*

4. **glory**- Gr. **doxa**- *weight, honor, value, splendor, excellent greatness*

- a. This is spiritual.

5. **virtue**- Gr. **arete**- *goodness, good quality of any kind, prosperity, moral goodness, virtue*

- a. This is natural, which includes prosperity!

4. **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.**

A. **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises,**

1. **given**- Gr. **doreomai**- *freely given, given as a gift*

- a. This is in the perfect tense. These promises were given when Jesus rose from the dead and they are still in force right now!

2. **exceedingly great**- Gr. **megistos**

- a. We have been given "MEGA" promises!

3. **precious**- Gr. **timios**- *valuable, weighty*

4. **promises**- Gr. **epaggelma**

- a. All the promises of God are yes and amen. God provides the yes, but we need to provide the amen. [2 Cor. 1:20](#) We need believe and receive the promises before the power in them is released into our natural lives.

- b. One of the MEGA promises we have is that God lives in us and provides an empowering presence in which we can experience sanctification. [2 Cor. 6:16-18](#), [2 Cor. 7:1](#)

B. **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature,**

1. **may be partakers**- Gr. **koinonos**- *a partner, associate, comrade, companion*

- a. This is in the subjunctive mood which means that it is a possibility but not a definite. This is because we must believe the promises before we can partake of them and experience the divine nature in them.

2. **divine**- Gr. **theios**

3. **nature**- Gr. **phusis**

- a. We are partakers of the divine nature of God in our spirit, but we can partake of the divine nature of God in our souls and bodies as well. This comes by believing and acting on the promises of God.

C. having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust

1. having escaped- Gr. **apopheugo-** *to flee from, escape*

- a. This is in the aorist tense which means it has already happened! We have already escaped the corruption of lust as believers. This is one of the MEGA precious promises of the New Covenant! We partake of the divine power of this promise when we accept it by faith.
- b. Many do not feel like they have escaped lust and its corruption. However, when Jesus died, we died to sin. The flesh with its lusts were crucified with Christ. [Gal. 5:24](#) When we stand on the fact that we have already died to sin and lust with Christ, and not go by our feelings, we will experience victory over them by the power of the Spirit. The flesh and its lusts will be mortified by the Spirit. [Rom. 8:11](#) If you don't accept this by faith you will struggle trying to mortify the flesh and lust yourself which is an impossible endeavor.

2. corruption- Gr. **phthora-** *corruption, destruction, perishing, decay, ruin, depravity*

- a. This is in this life and the next.

3. world- Gr. **kosmos-** *orderly arrangement, the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ*

4. lust- Gr. **epithumia-** *strong desire*

- a. What is in the world is the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. [1 John 2:16](#)

5. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

A. But also for this very reason,

- 1. For what reason? For the reason we have received the promises and divine nature of God to fulfill all that God asks of us.

B. giving all diligence,

- 1. **diligence-** Gr. **spoude-** *haste, earnestness, diligence, to give all diligence,*

interest one's self most earnestly

- a. Some who teach grace say that grace is just rest. They teach that a Christian is to only rest and God does all the rest. No, grace empowers us to rise and work! [Matt. 11:28-29](#), [1 Cor. 15:10](#)
- b. We have grace to be diligent in the Christian life. Our rest is vertical towards God, but we are to be diligent horizontally in our life, jobs, marriages, relationships, and with our witness to the world.

C. add to your faith virtue,

1. **add-** Gr. **epichoregeo-** *to supply, furnish, present, superadd*

2. **faith-** Gr. **pistis-** *firm persuasion*

- a. Whatever we are asked to do by God it is to be done by the faith He gave us. We are to add virtue to our lives by faith.
- b. God called us by His virtue. His virtue is in us. By faith we can draw upon that virtue and it will be manifested as fruit in our lives.
- c. Faith is a fruit of the Spirit. [Gal. 5:23](#)

3. **virtue-** Gr. **arete-** *goodness, good quality of any kind, prosperity, moral goodness, virtue*

- a. This is the first stage of a Christian who is born again by faith. They are to add goodness to their lives by drawing on the goodness of God in them. Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit. [Gal. 5:22](#)
- b. Most baby Christians desire to do good but they often try to do it in the energy of their own flesh or soul. This is fruitless and will lead to discouragement and bitter disappointment. We need to exercise our faith in the goodness of God in us to produce the fruit of goodness in and through us.
- c. We start growing in the things of God when we understand that God is not calling us to live for Him, but we are called to live from Him! This is called fruit-bearing! [John 15:5](#)
- d. The root of virtue is the fear [reverence] of God.

D. to virtue knowledge

1. **knowledge-** Gr. **gnosis-** *basic knowledge of people, things, and how they work*

- a. Many young believers have a great zeal for goodness but they lack basic knowledge of God, the world, people, and things in the world.
- b. Zeal without knowledge can be dangerous!

- c. One thing a young husband needs to learn is basic knowledge about his wife and marriage. This is not spiritual knowledge, but natural knowledge of women in general, his wife in particular, and of marriage. [1 Pet. 3:7](#)
- d. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. Knowledge without goodness will lead to evil and selfish ends.
- e. If we ask God for knowledge He will give it. He will give it to us by His Spirit or lead us to others who can impart it to us.

6. to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

A. to knowledge self-control,

1. self-control- Gr. *egkrateia*- *self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites)*

- a. This is a fruit of the Spirit and not a product of will-power and self-exertion.
- b. God has perfect self-control. We can draw from that self-control by faith to keep ourselves in check. This is by the Spirit of God and not will-power.

B. to self-control perseverance,

1. perseverance- Gr. *hupomone*- *to remain under, patience*

- a. This also is a fruit of the Spirit and not a by-product of will-power.
- b. God is patient. We can draw upon the patience of God in us to be patient.

C. to perseverance godliness

1. godliness- Gr. *eusebeia*- *reverence, piety*

- a. God lives in us so we can draw from Him to live godly.
- b. God has provided us all things to be and live godly. [2 Pet. 1:3](#)

7. to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

A. to godliness brotherly kindness,

1. brotherly kindness- Gr. *philadelphia*

- a. Kindness is another fruit of the Spirit.
- b. God in us is kind. We can draw from His kindness to be kind to others.
- c. This is a major transition in Christian maturity at this point. Up until this point the focus is upon development personally- virtue,

knowledge, patience, godliness. Now, the focus turns from one's self to others. A mature Christian is secure inside and know who they are and what they possess in Christ. They now can focus on ministering to and loving others.

B. and to brotherly kindness love

1. love- Gr. agape

- a. Love is the fruit of the Spirit.
- b. Love is the apex of the Christian life. Some think being strong in faith is the apex of the Christian life. No, it is the first step. It is the foundation.
- c. God is love. He has shed His love in us abundantly when we got saved. [Rom. 5:5](#) We can draw from His love on the inside of us to love those around us- the lovely and the unlovely.
- d. It is God who causes us to abound in love towards one another. This does not come from will-power. [1 Thess. 3:12](#)
- e. God not only gives us love for others, but he teaches us to love others. [1 Thess. 4:9](#)

8. For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be* neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. For if these things are yours and abound,

1. these things

- a. The fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit are not for God to accept, but for man to taste! The fruit of the Spirit are for people around us to taste that God is good.

2. yours

- a. These characteristics belong to God, but they become ours when we claim them by faith.

3. abound- Gr. pleonazo- to become plentiful

- a. We are called to bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit. [John 15:2, 5](#)

B. you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. barren- Gr. argos- inactive, free from labor, at leisure, lazy, shunning the labor which one ought to perform, unprofitable, hollow

- a. We are to labor to enter into rest and to labor from our rest. [Heb. 4:10, Matt. 11:28-30](#)
- b. Just teaching vertical grace towards God will lead to a naturally

barren life.

2. unfruitful- Gr. **akarpos-** *without fruit*

- a. Fruit-bearing does not take place without tending the soil and pruning. We need to work at tending the soil of our heart and pruning away what is not of God in our life that rob the resources of what is from God in our life. Horizontal grace will lead to productivity!
- b. Just teaching vertical grace towards God will lead to a fruitless life. Horizontal grace will lead to fruit-bearing!
- c. Christians need to be taught not to be barren and unfruitful. [Titus 3:14](#) We need not only rest in our vertical righteousness with God but be diligent to add to our lives the fruit of the Spirit by faith to be a witness to all around us.

3. knowledge- Gr. **epignosis-** *higher knowledge, revelation knowledge*

- a. The more revelation of God and His characteristics in us the more we can draw upon them by faith and see the fruit of them in our lives.
- b. Revelation knowledge is key to fruit-bearing in the Christian life. Through revelation knowledge we can then acknowledge every good thing in us and our faith will become effective! [Philemon 1:6](#)

9. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

A. But he that lacketh these things is blind,

1. **lacketh-** Gr. *pareimi me-* *not on hand, not present*

2. these things

a. The fruit of the Spirit.

3. blind- Gr. **tuphlos-** *to be blinded by smoke or dense fog*

a. Pride will blind people to God's grace and forgiveness. Those who are novices [Gr. newly planted] in Christ can easily fall into pride [enveloped with smoke] because they think they are not so bad after all and can do things themselves. [1 Tim. 3:6](#)

B. and cannot see afar off,

1. **see afar off-** Gr. **muopazo-** *to close the eyes, contract the eyelids, wink; to be nearsighted, partially blinded*

a. Those that lack the fruit of the Spirit are living just for the moment. They lack a vision for the future or for what God has for them. Fruit-

bearing is for others. Those who use grace just for themselves and their own benefit are short sighted. They just have themselves and their own benefit in view. They are navel-gazers.

C. and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

1. **forgotten-** Gr. **lambano lethe-** *having received forgetfulness*

a. Those that lack the fruit of the Spirit forget about thanking God for His forgiveness of sins. They received forgetfulness by thanklessness! They forget that they are what they are by the grace of God and start thinking they are good in themselves and can make it without God's grace.

2. **purged-** Gr. **katharismos-** *to be cleansed of*

3. **old-** Gr. **palai**

a. If we do not thank God for the forgiveness of our old sins by His grace and blood, they tend to creep back into our present lives!

b. We should daily thank and praise God for the forgiveness of our sins. This will keep us fresh in our understanding and awareness of our righteousness in Christ. This is the antidote from sin.

4. **sins-** Gr. **harmartia**

10. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

A. Wherefore the rather,

B. brethren- Gr. **adelphos-** *sharing the same womb*

C. give diligence to make your calling and election sure,

1. **give diligence-** Gr. **spoudazo-** *to be earnest towards*

2. **calling-** Gr. **klesis**

3. **election-** Gr. **ekloge**

a. God selects those who accepts His terms for salvation- to accept salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and what He has done on the cross and resurrection.

b. Many are called but few are chosen. Who are the ones who are chosen? Those who answer the call of God for salvation.

4. **sure-** Gr. **bebaios-** *stable, fast, firm*

a. The foundation of God has this seal on it: The Lord knows those who are His, and those who name the name of Christ let him turn from iniquity. [2 Tim. 2:19](#) The Lord knows those who are His, but those that are His have this hallmark- they turn from iniquity. The

way we turn from iniquity is to turn to God in faith and draw from him to bear fruit.

D. for if you do these things,

1. **do-** Gr. **poieo**

2. **these things**

a. Add the fruit of the Spirit to your life by faith.

E. ye shall never fall

1. **never-** Gr. **ou me pote-** *no not at any time!*

2. **fall-** Gr. **ptaio-** *to stumble and fall into misery, become wretched*

a. When we are bearing the fruit of the Spirit we are walking after the Spirit and will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. [Gal. 5:16](#) We will never at any time fall into a wretched state or into misery.

b. God is able to keep us from stumbling and preserve us unto the end. [Jude 1:24](#)

11. for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A. **entrance-** Gr. **eisodos-** *path into*

B. **supplied-** Gr. **epichoregeo-** *lavishly supplied*

1. I don't just want to slip into heaven. I want to be ushered in grand style bringing many souls with me in a triumphant parade!

C. **abundantly-** Gr. **plousios-** *richly*

D. **everlasting-** Gr. **aionios-** *without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be*

E. **kingdom-** Gr. **basileia-** *royal power, kingship, dominion, rule*

1. Again, we are part of a kingdom not a democracy or republic. It will do us well to get a kingdom mentality to operate as we should in the kingdom.

12. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

A. **For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things,**

1. **For this reason**

a. We will stay diligent when we live for a reason and for purpose.

2. **negligent-** Gr. **ameleo-** *to be careless*

3. **remind-** Gr. **hupomimnesko aei-** *to always be under remembrance*

a. One of the effects of the fall is a memory that forgets. We can

claim that the memory of the just is blessed [[Prov. 10:7](#)], but it won't be until we reach the other side that we will have perfect recall.

- b. We need to be constantly reminded about what Christ has done for us and to us. We need to be reminded that we are righteous, forgiven, and have all things we need in life.
- c. Peter knew the importance of remembering the Word. [2Pe 1:13](#), [2Pe 1:15](#), [2Pe 3:1](#)
- d. Paul did too! [Rom 15:14-15](#); [Phi 3:1](#); [1Ti 4:6](#); [2Ti 1:6](#); [Heb 10:32](#)

B. though you know and are established in the present truth

- 1. **know-** Gr. **eido-** *to know by perception*
- 2. **established-** Gr. **sterizo-** *to be made stable*
 - a. We become established in God when we are established in grace. [Heb 13:9](#)
- 3. **present-** Gr. **pareimi**
 - a. The present truth is the truth of the New Covenant during this age of Grace. It is the doctrine given to the church.
- 4. **truth-** Gr. **aletheia**
 - a. Often the natural conflicts with God's truth. What is in the natural are facts. When the truth and facts are in disagreement which do you agree with? If you agree with the facts, you will just live a natural life. If you go with the truth over the facts, then the truth will change the facts and you will live supernaturally! The facts will never change the truth, but the truth will change the facts.

13. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

A. Yes- Gr. **de-** *and*

B. I think it is right,

- 1. **think-** Gr. **hegeomai-** *to consider, deem, account, think*
- 2. **right-** Gr. **dikaios-** *as it ought to be*

C. as long as I am in this tent,

1. **tent-** Gr. **skenoma**

- a. Our body is seen as a tent. [2 Cor. 5:1, 4](#), [2 Pet. 1:13-14](#) It is our temporary residence while on earth. A tent is not a permanent dwelling. It is only used for a short time while traveling away from home. We are sojourners here on the earth. We will be getting a new

heavenly body on the other side.

- b. Our natural body will be raised out of the grave and swallowed up into our heavenly body prepared for us by the Lord. [2 Cor. 5:4](#), [1 Cor. 15:53-54](#)
- c. The tabernacle of the OT was a type of the natural temporary body. The temple that came later is a type of our permanent body that comes later.

D. to stir you up by reminding you

- 1. **stir**- Gr. **diegeiro**- *to rouse fully*
- 2. **reminding**- Gr. **en hupomnesis**
 - a. A fire that is dormant can be stirred to a flame by stoking it. We stoke our inward fire by remembering the goodness, faithfulness, and truths of God.

14. knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

A. knowing that shortly I must put off my tent,

- 1. **knowing**- Gr. **eido**- *to know by perception, seeing*
- 2. **shortly**- Gr. **tachinos**- *quickly*
- 3. **put off**- Gr. **apothesis**
 - a. This is a metaphor for death.
 - b. When Paul says to put off the things of the old man, he is actually saying to count yourself dead to them. [Rom. 6:11](#)
- 4. **tent**- Gr. **skenoma**
 - a. A metaphor for the body.

B. just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me

- 1. **just as**
 - a. God fulfills His Word just as it was told us. [Acts 27:25](#)
 - b. We need to be careful to follow the Lord's instructions just as He told us. [Heb. 8:5](#)
- 2. **showed**- Gr. **deloo**- *to make known by relating, to declare, to give one to understand, to indicate, signify*
 - a. Jesus told Peter how he would die, which happened just as it was showed him. [John 21:18](#) He was crucified by the Romans. It is interesting to note that Paul was beheaded because he was a Roman citizen but Peter was crucified because he was not.
 - b. We can walk so closely to the Lord we can know when it is our

time to depart is or not. [Phil. 1:25](#), [2 Tim. 4:6](#)

15. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

A. careful- Gr. *spoudazo*- *to show earnest*

1. This is a popular word of Peter. He was a "type A , get to it now" kind of guy. Grace did not make him passive.

B. always

1. Because it was written down and eventually was added to the Scriptures.
2. Have you written down the revelations given to you to impart to those around you and to the next generation? If not, do so!

D. reminder- Gr. *poieo mneme*- *to make remembrance*

1. Peter may have had a problem with his memory because he talked a lot about it in this chapter. This is the third time in this chapter. Maybe he forgot he had already had mentioned it twice before!

E. decease- Gr. *exodus*- *going out, we get the word Exodus from this.*

16. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

A. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1. **follow-** Gr. *exakoloutheo*- *to follow out, to trace out one's steps*
2. **cunningly devised-**Gr. *sophizo*- *to act shrewdly, to devise cleverly or cunningly, to invent skillfully, devise artfully*
3. **fables-** Gr. *muthos*- *a narrative, story, a fiction, a fable, an invention, a falsehood*

- a. Many religions are founded on fables. For instance, the founder of Scientology who was a sci-fi author, decided to create a religion to see how many people would follow it. Many have unfortunately. The core of this "religion" is based on aliens, past lives, and a bunch of crazy fiction.
- b. People tend to favor a lie over the truth. Lies do not call for you take responsibility or bring accountability but the truth always does.

- c. Fables can't build us up, but faith can! [1 Tim. 1:4](#), [Jude 20](#)
- d. Fables does not promote godliness. [1 Tim. 4:7](#)
- e. Fables will turn you from the truth. [Titus 1:14](#)
- f. I have seen people write books about their experience of seeing heaven or hell, and people will take what they say over what the Bible says. Don't go with what books teach if it does not agree with THE BOOK.

4. **made known**- Gr. **gnorizo**

5. **power**-Gr. **dunamis**- *ability, strength*

- a. The truth is always accompanied by testifying power.

6. **coming**-Gr. **parousia**

- a. The Mt. of Transfiguration was a prefiguring of what Christ will look like when He returns to rule the earth.

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

1. **eyewitnesses**- Gr. **epoptes**

- a. This speaks of naturally seeing the truth of Jesus' person and glory.
- b. This was on the Mt. of Transfiguration- [Luke 9:28-29](#)
- c. One of the proofs of Christianity is its first adherents that gave their lives for it. Someone that makes up fables is not willing to do for it.

2. **majesty**-Gr. **megaleiotes**- *magnificent greatness*

- a. If humanity had a true view of the majesty of Jesus then all would fall at his feet in worship. One day when Christ appears all will see him and bow their knee and confess that He is Lord. [Phil. 2:10](#)

17. **For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

A. **For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory,**

1. **received**- Gr. **lambano**

- a. We need to receive our value, esteem, and dignity from the opinion and view of God the Father instead of trying to establish them ourselves by our works and accomplishments.
- b. We receive our value, esteem, and dignity from what is written in the Word of God, which is His opinion and view of us.

2. **honor**- Gr. **time**- *value, esteem, dignity*

3. **glory**- Gr. **doxa**- Gr. *opinion, view, splendor*
4. **voice**- Gr. **phone**
5. **Excellent Glory**- Gr. **megaloprepes doxa**- *befitting great glory*

B. This is My beloved Son,

1. **beloved**- Gr. **agapetos**
2. **Son**- Gr. **huios**

- a. Jesus heard this the day he was baptized. [Matt. 3:17](#) This was before he had done any ministry or mighty works. His value, esteem, and dignity was based upon His Father's view and opinion of Him and not His works or accomplishments. Jesus being baptized and the Spirit resting on Him was a fulfillment of [Is. 42:1](#).
- b. This was repeated on the Mt. of Transfiguration towards the end of His ministry. We can only start and finish well in ministry based upon God's view and opinion of us and not our own works and accomplishments.

C. in whom I am well pleased

1. **well pleased**- Gr. **eudokeo**

- a. We need to know that we are God's beloved son or daughter. We need to know He is pleased with us in Christ. This has nothing to do with what we have done for Him, but our relationship with Him.

18. And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

A. heard- Gr. **akouo**

1. The three disciples both saw and heard the Lord.
2. When people saw and heard God with their senses it led to fear.
[Mat 17:6](#) When we hear God from the Word it produces faith! [Rom. 10:17](#)

B. voice- Gr. **phone**

1. It is not good to be led by voices, but by the Word of God and the inward witness. This is why Peter says they had a surer word of prophecy. Our senses can deceive us, but the Word never will!

C. heaven-Gr. **ouranos**

D. holy- Gr. **hagios**- *set apart*

E. mountain- Gr. **oros**

1. The scripture does not say what mountain this was. It surely was not Mt. Sinai, but it could have been Mt. Moriah. Some postulate it was Mt.

Tabor.

2. It is called holy because of the presence of Christ upon it. We are called holy because of the presence of Christ in us! Wherever Jesus is it is holy!

19. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

A. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed,

1. **prophetic**- Gr. **prophetikos**

2. **word**- Gr. **logos**

a. The Word of God

3. **confirmed**- Gr. **bebaios**- *stable, fast, firm*

a. The Word of God is more sure than what you see with your eyes, and hear with your ears. The senses can deceive you, but the Word will never deceive you.

B. which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place,

1. **do well**- Gr. **poieo kalos**

a. If you want to do well you need to take heed to the Word and act on it!

2. **heed**- Gr. **prosecho**- *hold close to you*

3. **light**- Gr. **luchnos**- *lamp*

a. The Word is a lamp until our feet and path. [Ps. 119:105](#)

4. **shines**- Gr. **phaino**

5. **dark place**-Gr. **auchmeros topos**

a. Jesus was the light of the world. When he left the earth was plunged into darkness. Now the church is here to reflect the light of the Son in this dark world. As the moon reflects the light of the sun to give the earth light, so the church reflects the light of the Son to give light to those in the world.

b. The Word of God is light to the church and we the church are the light of the darkened world.

C. until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

1. **day**- Gr. **hemera**

a. This is the return of the Lord and the beginning of the Millennium. Until the Lord returns we are to walk in the light of the Word of God. The age we are living in is the night, but we provide light to the dark.

2. **dawns-** Gr. **diaugazo**

3. **morning star-** Gr. **phosphoros-** *light bearer, morning star*

- a. This is actually not a star but the planet Venus which is visible right before the dawn of the day. It appears as a star. This morning star is the sign that the day is imminent.
- b. In the OT the name Lucifer means morning star. He was supposed to be a type of the Lord Jesus. However, he fell from his position. Jesus is the true Morning Star! He is the light bearer of God.

4. **arises-** Gr. **anatello**

5. **hearts-** Gr. **kardia**

- a. We cannot see inside someone heart. We cannot see what arises in someone's heart. It is hidden. This language speaks of the coming of Jesus for His church. This is the rapture of the church. This will be before His visible Second Advent in which he will rule over the earth. Before this He will come secretly and rapture His church away. This will be a sign that the Second Advent is imminent! The day will close at hand at this point!
- b. Until the rapture of the church we are to be led by the light of the Word of God. [2 Cor. 4:4-6](#)
- c. This happens when a believer is saved, but it will physically happen to the church at the rapture.

20. **knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,**

A. **knowing this first,**

1. **knowing-**Gr. **ginosko-** *to know by personal involvement*

- a. We should know from personal involvement with the Word of God that it's source is divine and has dynamic force in one's life.

2. **first-** Gr. **proton**

B. **that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation**

1. **prophecy-** Gr. **propheteia**

2. **Scripture-**Gr. **graphe-** *writings*

3. **private-** Gr. **idios-** *one's own*

4. **interpretation-** Gr. **epilusis-** *unraveling, loosening*

- a. The narrative of the Word of God is not the unraveling of someone's imagination or natural explanation of origin and meaning of life. It is direct revelation from God Himself to man.

21. **for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.**

A. for prophecy never came by the will of man,

1. **prophecy-** Gr. **propheteia**

2. **came-** Gr. **phero-** *carried along*

a. Man did not and does not carry the Word of God along, but the Word carries man along!

3. **will-** Gr. **thelema**

4. **man-** Gr. **anthropos**

B. but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit

1. **holy-** Gr. **hagios-** set apart

a. God uses men and women that are set apart by Him.

2. **men-** Gr. **anthropos**

3. **spoke-** Gr. **laleo**

4. **moved-** Gr. **phero**

a. The Word of God carries man along!

5. **Holy Spirit-** Gr. **hagios pneuma**