

2 Peter

True Knowledge

Key Words & Phrases

- **Knowledge** (7 times)
 - ἐπίγνωσις, *epignōsis* (4 times)
 - Meaning: knowledge, understanding, insight; full knowledge, full recognition
 - Definition: “the coming at the knowledge, of a thing, ascertainment, Rom. 3:20; a distance perception or impression, acknowledgment, insight, Col. 2:2”
 - 1:2, 3, 8; 2:20
 - γνῶσις, *gnōsis* (3 times)
 - knowledge, understanding
 - 1:5, 6; 3:18

Key Words & Phrases

- **Know(n)** (9 times)
 - Root (for “knowledge”): γινώσκω, *ginōskō* (2 times)
 - “to know, perceive, recognize, understand”
 - 1:20; 3:3
 - ἐπιγινώσκω, *epiginōskō* (2 times)
 - “to know (fully), recognize, realize, come to understand,” 2:21
 - προγινώσκω, *proginōskō* (1 time)
 - “to know, to possess information; recognize, realize, to come to know; to understand, to be able to use knowledge,” 3:17

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- οἶδα, *oida* (3 times)
 - “to know, to possess information; recognize, realize, to come to know; to understand, to be able to use knowledge”
 - 1:12, 14; 2:9
- γνωρίζω, *gnōrizō* (1 time)
 - “to make known, reveal, declare”
 - 1:16

Key Words & Phrases

- **Be eager, be diligent, make every effort (5 times)**
 - Root word: σπεύδω, *speudō* (1 time: 3:12)
 - “to hurry, hasten, to be eager for the arrival of”
 - σπουδάζω, *spoudazō* (3 times: 1:10, 15; 3:14)
 - “to be eager, make every effort, do one's best”
 - be bent upon, Gal. 2:10; to endeavor earnestly, strive, Eph. 4:3
 - σπουδή, *spoudē* (1 time: 2 Pet. 1:5)
 - haste; earnestness, diligence, eagerness

Key Words & Phrases

- **Reminder, memory, remind, remember (5 times)**
 - ὑπόμνησις, *hupomnēsis* (2 times: 1:13; 3:1)
 - Meaning: reminder, memory, remembrance
 - Definition: “a putting in mind, act of reminding”
 - ὑπομιμνήσκω, *hupomimnēskō* (1 time)
 - to remind, 1:12
 - μιμνήσκομαι, *mimnēskomai* (1 time: 3:2)
 - to remember, recall, bring to remembrance, often with an implication that a response or action of some kind will occur
 - μνήμη, *mnēmē* (1 time: 1:15)
 - remembrance, recalling, memory, recollection

Key Words & Phrases

- **Corruption, destruction** (5 times)
 - φθορά, *phthora* (4 times)
 - Meaning: perishableness, destruction, corruption; moral corruption, wickedness
 - Definition: “corruption, decay, ruin”
 - 1:4; moral corruption, wickedness, 2:12; 2:19
 - φθείρω, *phtheirō* (1 time)
 - to destroy, corrupt; (pass.) to be corrupted, destroyed, perish, 2:12

Key Words & Phrases

- **Destruction** (5 times)
 - ἀπώλεια, *apōleia*
 - destruction, ruin, waste
 - 2:1, 3; 3:7, 16

Recipients and Purpose

- Peter previously addressed the “chosen exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia” (1 Pet. 1:1) and now addresses “those who have obtained a faith equally precious with ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Pet. 1:1)
 - Purpose: “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” (3:1)
 - A general letter which appears to be intended for the same recipients

Outline #1

(Wiersbe's suggested outline)

- I. Explanation: The Knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 1)
 - A. The gift of knowledge (2 Peter 1:1-4)
 - B. The growth in knowledge (2 Peter 1:5-11)
 - C. The ground of knowledge (2 Peter 1:12-21)
- II. Examination: The False Teachers (2 Peter 2)
 - A. Their condemnation (2 Peter 2:1-9)
 - B. Their character (2 Peter 2:10-17)
 - C. Their claims (2 Peter 2:18-22)

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(Wiersbe's suggested outline)

III. Exhortation: The True Christian (2 Peter 3)

A. Be mindful (2 Peter 3:1-7)

B. Be not ignorant (2 Peter 3:8-10)

C. Be diligent (2 Peter 3:11-14)

D. Beware (2 Peter 3:15-18)

Outline #2

(Main points: Johnny Ramsey; Sub-points: mine)

- Ingredients of Spiritual Growth (2 Peter 1)
 - Effort required for growth (1:5-9)
 - Effort required to ensure growth (1:10-11)
 - Effort exerted reminding us to grow (1:12-15)

Outline #2

- Enemies of Spiritual Growth (2 Peter 2)
 - False teachers (2 Peter 2:1-22)
 - Destructive teaching (2:1)
 - Destructive ways (2:2)
 - Destructive words (2:3)
 - “made-up words” (*plastos* from which we get “plastic”): “capable of shaping or molding,” from Latin *plasticus*, from Greek *plastikos* “able to be molded, pertaining to molding, fit for molding,” also in reference to the arts, from *plastos* “molded, formed” (Online Etymology Dictionary)

Outline #2

- Destruction declared (2:4-9)
- False attitudes (2:10-11)
- False living (2:12-17)
- False promises of freedom (2:18-19)
- Freedom forfeited (2:20-22)
 - Defeated by defilements (20a-b)
 - Defection denounced (20c-21)
 - Putrid picture of sin (22)
 - A dog returns to its own vomit (Prov. 26:11)
 - A clean hog to rolling in the mud

Outline #2

- Motivation for Spiritual Growth (2 Peter 3)
 - Remember (3:1-7)
 - Do not forget (3:8-10)
 - Do your best (3:11-14)
 - Consider (think about) and be on your guard (3:15-18)

Memory Verse Review

(Titus—1 Peter)

- Titus 2:11-12—“For the grace...”
- Philemon 20—“Yes, brother...”
- Heb. 3:12—“Beware, brothers...”
- Jas. 1:22—“But be...”
- 1 Pet. 4:16—“But if anyone...”

Memory Verse for 2 Peter

3:18

“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” (NASB)