

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER

2 Pet. 3:14-18

2 Pet. 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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Psa. 119:165 **Great peace have they which love thy law:** and nothing shall offend them.

Isa. 26:3 **Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:** because he trusteth in thee.

Isa. 57:21 **There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.**

Jn. 14:27 Peace I leave with you, **my peace I give unto you**: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Jn. 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that **in me ye might have peace**. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Eph. 2:14 **For he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Original Word: σπουδάζω

Transliteration: spoudazó

Definition: I hasten, am eager, am zealous

spoudázō – properly, be swift (go fast, be *speedy*); (figuratively) to move speedily by showing *full diligence* (*fully* applying oneself); **acting fervently (speedy commitment) to accomplish all that God assigns through faith** ("His inbirthed *persuasion*").

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4704.htm>

1 Cor. 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; **waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, **that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Tim. 6:14 That thou keep this commandment **without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

1 Tim. 5:7 And these things give in charge, that they may **be blameless.**

2. To believe, 3:15-16

a. A word of advice, 3:15a “And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation...”

b. A word of admiration, 3:15b-c

(1) Paul, the loved apostle, 3:15b “...even as our beloved brother Paul...”

(2) Paul, the learned apostle, 3:15c “...also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;”

c. A word of admonition, 3:16

(1) The depth of his writings, 3:16a “As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood...”

Original Word: δυσνόητος

Transliteration: dusnoétos

Short Definition: hard to understand

(2) The danger of their wrestlings, 3:16b "..., which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other **scriptures**, unto their own destruction."

Original Word: ἀμαθής

Transliteration: amathés

Definition: unlearned, ignorant. (only used here in N. T.)

<http://biblehub.com/greek/261.htm>

Original Word: ἀστήρικτος

Transliteration: astérikτος

Definition: (lit: unpropped), unsteady, unstable, unsettled.

astérikτος (an adjective, derived from A "not" and *stēρίζō* "confirm") – properly, not established (unstable), describing someone who (literally) does not have a staff to lean on – **hence, a person who can not be relied on because they are not steady** (do not remain fixed, i.e. unstable). <http://biblehub.com/greek/793.htm>

Original Word: στρεβλόω

Transliteration: strebloó

Definition: I twist, torture; met: I twist or pervert language.

streblóō ("from *stréphō*, 'twist, turn,' " J. Thayer) – "properly, 'to twist, causing torture'; (figuratively) to twist (pervert) *language*" (A-S).

M. Vincent, "*streblóō* ('to wrest, twist') is applied to *perverting* (twisting) Scripture" (used only in 2 Pet 3:16).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4761.htm>

3. To beware, 3:17-18

a. Don't go! 3:17

2 Pet. 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **beware lest ye also**, being led away with the error of the wicked, **fall from your own steadfastness**.

Original Word: φυλάσσω

Transliteration: phulassó

Definition: (a) I guard, protect; mid: I am on my guard, (b) act. and mid. of customs and regulations: I keep, observe, **beware**.

phylássō (akin to *phýlaks*, "a military guard") – properly, preserve by "having an eye on" (J. Thayer), referring to the uninterrupted vigilance shepherds show in keeping their flocks (see Lk 2:8, used with *phylaké*, "a military guard," i.e. exercising unbroken vigilance as a military guard).

phylássō ("keep watch over, keep secure") emphasizes the needed vigilance to keep what is entrusted. Thus (*phylássō*) is often used in the NT in the Greek *middle voice* meaning, "*Personally* be on guard against," stressing the constant, *personal interest* involved with the guarding. <http://biblehub.com/greek/5442.htm>

b. Do grow! 3:18

(1) The Lord's grace, 3:18a "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..."

(2) The Lord's glory, 3:18b "...To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

1 Cor. 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, **do all to the glory of God.**

Rev. 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; **to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

Phil. 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
15 **That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God**, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, **among whom ye shine as lights in the world**;