



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, I pray that Your grace, favor, and peace would be multiplied to us in the full, personal, precise, and correct knowledge of You my Lord. Protect us, supply all our needs and I ask that You bless each one of us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Music

God's Chisel-Skit Guys

I'm Your Angel-Celine Dion & R Kelly

I Wish We'd All Been Ready-DC Talk

Lean On Me-DC Talk

Scripture

2 Peter I (2005)

2 Peter 1:1-21 (KJV)

- ¹ Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:
- ² Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- ³ According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- ⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- ⁵ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- ⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
- ⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- ⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- ¹⁰ Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
- ¹¹ For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- ¹² Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.
- ¹³ Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance;
- ¹⁴ Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.
- ¹⁵ Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.
- ¹⁶ For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- ¹⁷ For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
- ¹⁸ And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
- ¹⁹ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
- ²⁰ Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

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2 Peter 1:1–11. Making Sure of Salvation

Knowledge of Christ, which is the foundation of our faith, is here emphasized as the medium of grace and peace (v. 2), of all things that pertain to life and godliness (v. 3), and one of the means by which we may make our calling and election sure (v. 10) and by which the corruption by the world is overcome (2:20). "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" is the closing exhortation of the letter (3:18). Original, authentic knowledge about Christ is contained in God's Word, so Peter's farewell warning was, Don't neglect God's Word!

The precious promises (1:4) include not only the external glories of the eternal kingdom (v. 11), but also a changed, divine nature within ourselves—a nature that God will, of His own grace, give us and that we, for our part, must do our best to develop (vv. 5–11).

Seven divine qualities (vv. 5–11). Goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love. These are the fruits (v. 8) of our precious faith (v. 1), which we are to add (v. 5) to the blessings that God has already given to us. These qualities should be evidence of increased spiritual knowledge. While one might interpret Peter's message to imply that the believer is to develop each quality in succession, each one building on the preceding one, it is more probable to assume that we develop these qualities simultaneously. The more a Christian grows and matures in the knowledge of Christ, the more we expect to see a corresponding increase in these qualities in one's life.

2 Peter 1:12–15. Peter's Martyrdom Is Near

seems to be a reference to what Jesus had told Peter some 37 years before (John 21:18–19). Or Jesus may have recently appeared to Peter. (If the tradition of Jesus' appearing to Peter on the Appian Way [see 1 Peter] is true, it could refer to that encounter.) At any rate, he had a premonition that martyrdom was at hand (2 Peter 1:14). These verses remind us of Paul's dying shout of triumph (2 Timothy 4:6–8). Putting aside "the tent of this body" (2 Peter 1:13–14 ; kjv , this tabernacle) is a beautiful scriptural image for death.

2 Peter 1:16–21. The Gospel Testimony Is Sure

seems that already in Peter's day there were forerunners of our modern critics who were calling the story of Jesus and His mighty works a set of cleverly invented stories (v. 16). But Peter had seen with his own eyes, and he *knew* that what he told about Jesus was *true*. Over a period of three years he had seen Jesus heal multitudes of sick people with simply a word. He had seen Him walk on water and still the storm. He had seen Him transfigured. Three times he saw Him raise the dead. He saw Jesus alive after the crucifixion. And, after Pentecost, Peter himself, in Jesus' name, did many mighty miracles (Acts 5:15) and even raised Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:40). This, confirmed in marvelous detail in Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah (2 Peter 1:19–21), gave Peter full assurance and made him ready for his approaching martyrdom. He knew that, for him, the door of glory was about to open and he would enter into the immediate presence of his beloved Lord, nevermore to leave.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible history & commentaries; pages 879-880)



Knowing God: V1 "Servant" again is bond slave. The bond slave was totally at his master's disposal, but the master had complete responsibility for the welfare of his slave. We're to obey all the commands of Jesus, and He promises to meet all our needs. Jesus had many disciples, but He chose only a small number to be His apostles. Peter was one of the men He chose. V2 The better we know God, the more we realize the extent of His grace toward us. We have peace, because our standing with God isn't based on our righteousness but on His promises and faithfulness. V3 The more we know God, the more we experience His divine power in our lives. This power enables us to live the life of godliness and to resist the weaknesses of our flesh. "Virtue" also means purity. God doesn't want us to ever make a truce with our flesh in the areas that give us the most trouble. Instead, as we grow in our knowledge of Him, He cleans out those areas (John 15:23). V4 When we're born again, we have a new nature (2 Corinthians 5:17). Through the promises in the Word we're able to share in this divine nature (Romans 8:1). The world and its systems are corrupted by the lust and greed that motivate people (James 4:1-3). V5-7 The Christian walk is a continual progression toward the divine nature. Rather than resting on a plateau, we should constantly be moving ahead. The way there's a great distance between where we were last year and where we are now in our spiritual maturity. V8-9 If we stop developing spiritually, our lives become barren, and we become blind to our true condition. V10 Jude 24. V13 "Meet" means necessary. We need to be stirred up from time to time so that we don't become satisfied with our spiritual growth, but continue to press ourselves to further progress (Psalm 17:15). V14 "Tabernacle" also means tent. Paul used the same word to refer to the body as the temporary home for the spirit (2 Corinthians 5:1). V15 Peter hoped that his letter would continue to stir and motivate the believers after his death. V16 Our courts accept the witness of two or three people to establish a fact. There were hundreds who testified that they saw Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Many of them were martyred for their testimony. V17-18 Matthew 17:5. V19 Peter cites the prophecies in the Old Testament as an even greater witness of Jesus Christ than his own eyewitness testimony. The Old Testament contains over 300 prophecies of the details of the birth, life, and death of the Messiah. Jesus Christ fulfilled every prophecy. Prophecy is like a light shining in the darkness of history. The light focuses on

Jesus Christ, the day star" in our hearts. V21 The prophecies in the Old Testament were inspired by the Holy Spirit. (New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; pages 175-176)

If you ever wanted an instruction manual for your life, know that God's power has provided everything you need for life and for godliness (see 2 Peter 1:3). You receive everything you need through knowing Him and reading His Word. Remember that every one of His promises is for you. Which of His promises do you especially need to remember and believe right now?

According to 2 Peter 1:3, God's power provides everything we need to enjoy great and godly lives, but what He provides comes to us through the full, personal knowledge of Him. We cannot know God through someone else. We can know about Him through others, but to know Him for ourselves we must study His Word ourselves and spend time with Him individually.

You can be as close to God as you want to be. He is no respecter of persons and if one person can have a close, intimate relationship with Him, then so can everyone else. Why do some people seem so close to God and yet others do not? I believe it all depends on how much time we are willing to put into developing our personal relationship with Him.

Going to church does not necessarily make us close to God. Going to church is a good and right thing to do, but we need more than an hour on Sunday morning with God if we are going to learn enough to fulfill our destiny and truly enjoy life.

Second Peter 1:3 tells us that God calls us to His own glory and excellence. Wow! He wants us to have excellent lives, but He also expects us to learn how to behave excellently. Finding the strength to do so only comes as we wait on Him. They that wait upon the Lord shall change and renew their strength (see Isaiah 40:31), and spending time in God's Word teaches us right from wrong. The Bible gives many instructions about how to behave with people and in certain circumstances. It teaches us to be excellent and to go the extra mile and do whatever we do as best we can and unto the Lord.

I once heard, "If you do not read, you will be the same in five years as you are now." That is certainly true where the Bible is concerned. As we study God's Word, we are transformed into His image, from glory to glory (see 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Make a commitment of time to God and I believe you will see the life and power that is available to you through His promises. Be a lifetime learner. Refuse to have a second-hand relationship with God; get to know Him for yourself.

Do you want your Christian life to be effective and bear fruit? Then follow the instructions in 2 Peter 1:5-7: Be diligent concerning God's promises, exercise your faith to develop virtue, grow in knowledge, increase in self-control, be steadfast, practice godliness, and show Christian love to others. How can you improve in these areas as you go about your everyday activities and relationships?

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers, Scripture, commentaries, pages 2088-2090)
(Word Search 9, Bible Software; (KJV) 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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