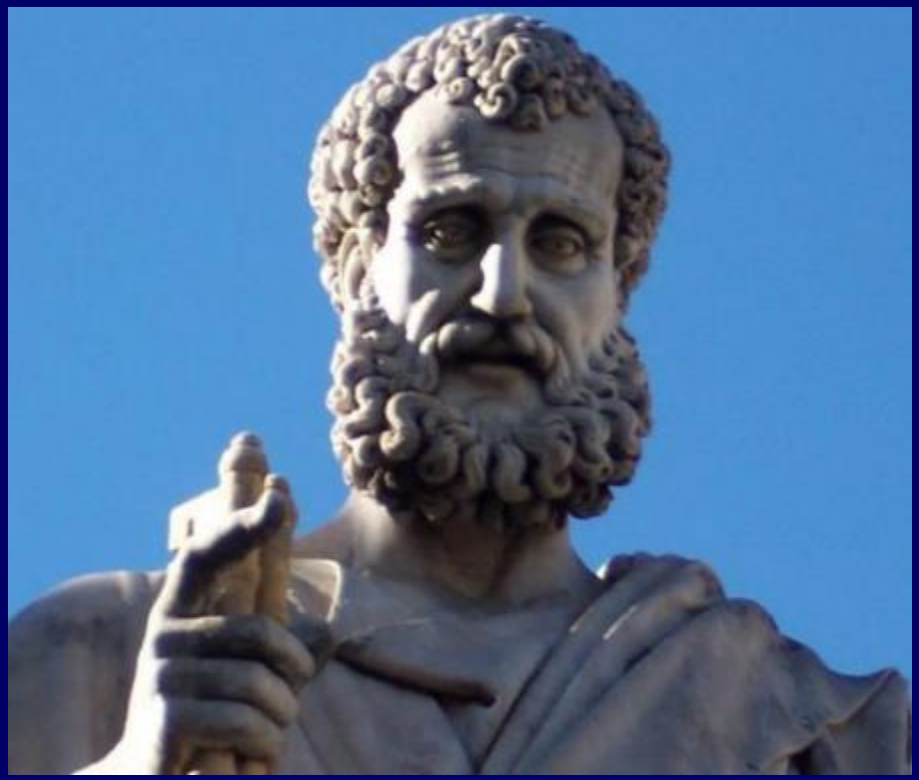
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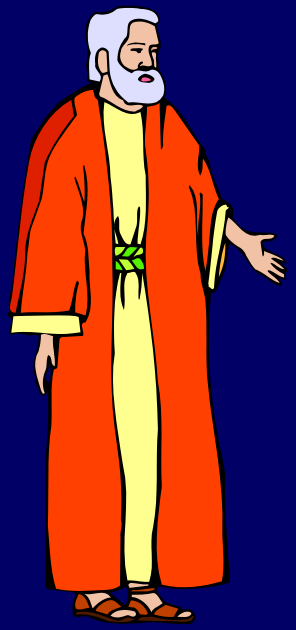
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INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

- Authorship: **Peter**
- Biography: **Gospels & Acts**
- Date: **A.D. 64**
- Recipients: **Regenerated, Asia Minor, Hebrews**
- Place of writing: **Babylon**
- Occasion for writing: **Incipient Gnosticism**
- Purpose: **Insulation from false teaching**
- Structure: **3 parts**
- Message: **Protection from false teachers**
- Unique characteristics: **Knowledge**

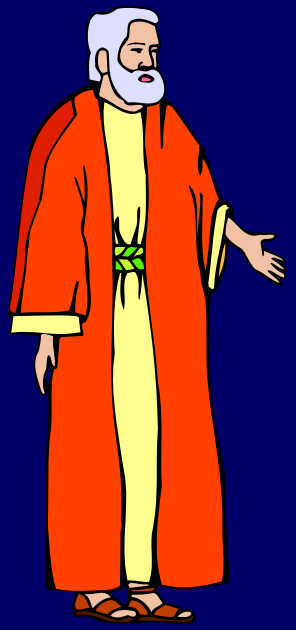


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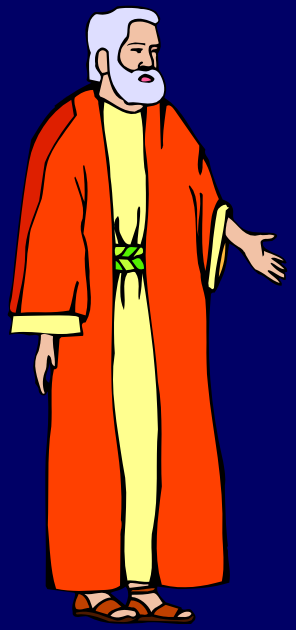
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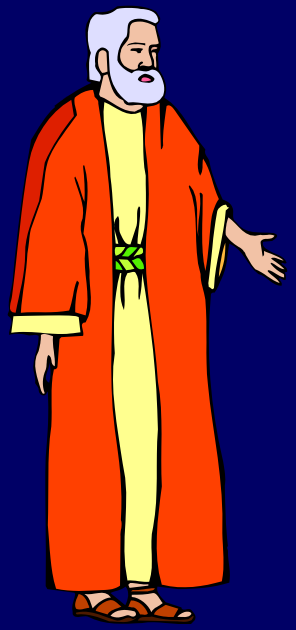
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6. Regression (2:20-22)



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- Motive of the false teachers (v3-4)
- Peter's rebuttal (v5-10)
- Application (v11-15)

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- Holy Living (11b, 14)
- Evangelism (12)
- Hope (13)
- Patience (15)



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Revelation 22:18-19

"[18] I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; [19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will **take away his part [*meros*] from the tree of life and from the holy city**, which are written in this book."





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"**To unbelievers who would add to God's Word in this fashion, the Lord promises to 'add to him the plagues that are written in this book.'** The plagues spoken of in the book of Revelation occur during that future period of God's judgment on the earth known as the Tribulation. If anyone reading Revelation accepts the invitation of verse 17 and becomes a believer in Christ prior to the Tribulation, that person will experience the pretribulational Rapture of the saints (1 Thess. 4:13-18) rather than the plagues of the Tribulation (1 Thess. 5:1-3). **Therefore, the warning of Revelation 22:18 applies only to unbelievers**. This is not a warning to believers to stay saved or to be rewarded for their perseverance."



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"Verses 18-19 follow with a grave warning to unbelievers who would add to or subtract from the words of this book. **Either adding to or taking away from the Word of God is characteristic of unbelievers who cannot simply accept by faith what God says in His Word**. When God speaks, the response of the believing heart is simply 'Amen.' But the unbeliever does not accept what God says at face value, and so he must change the Word to suit himself."



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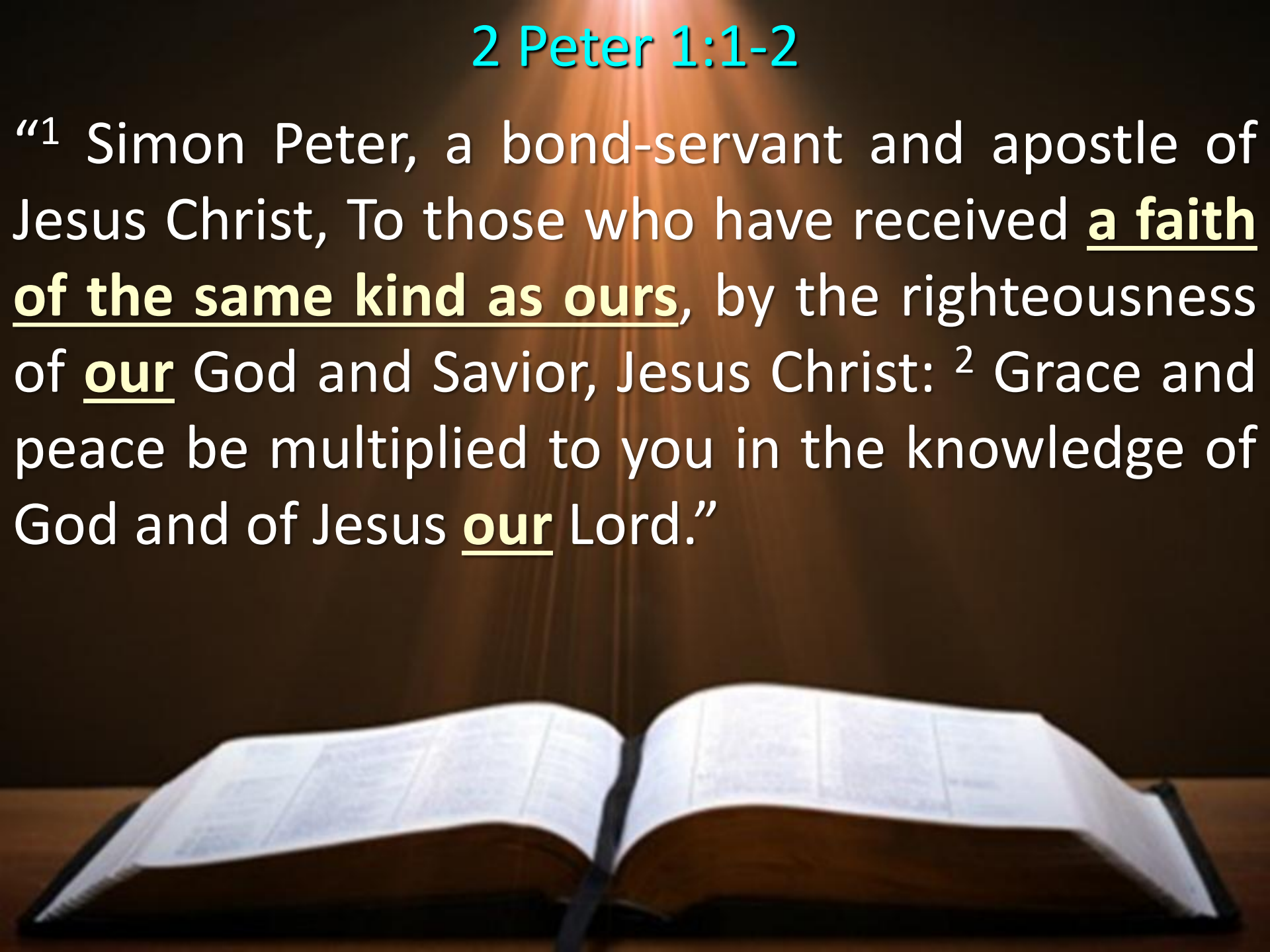
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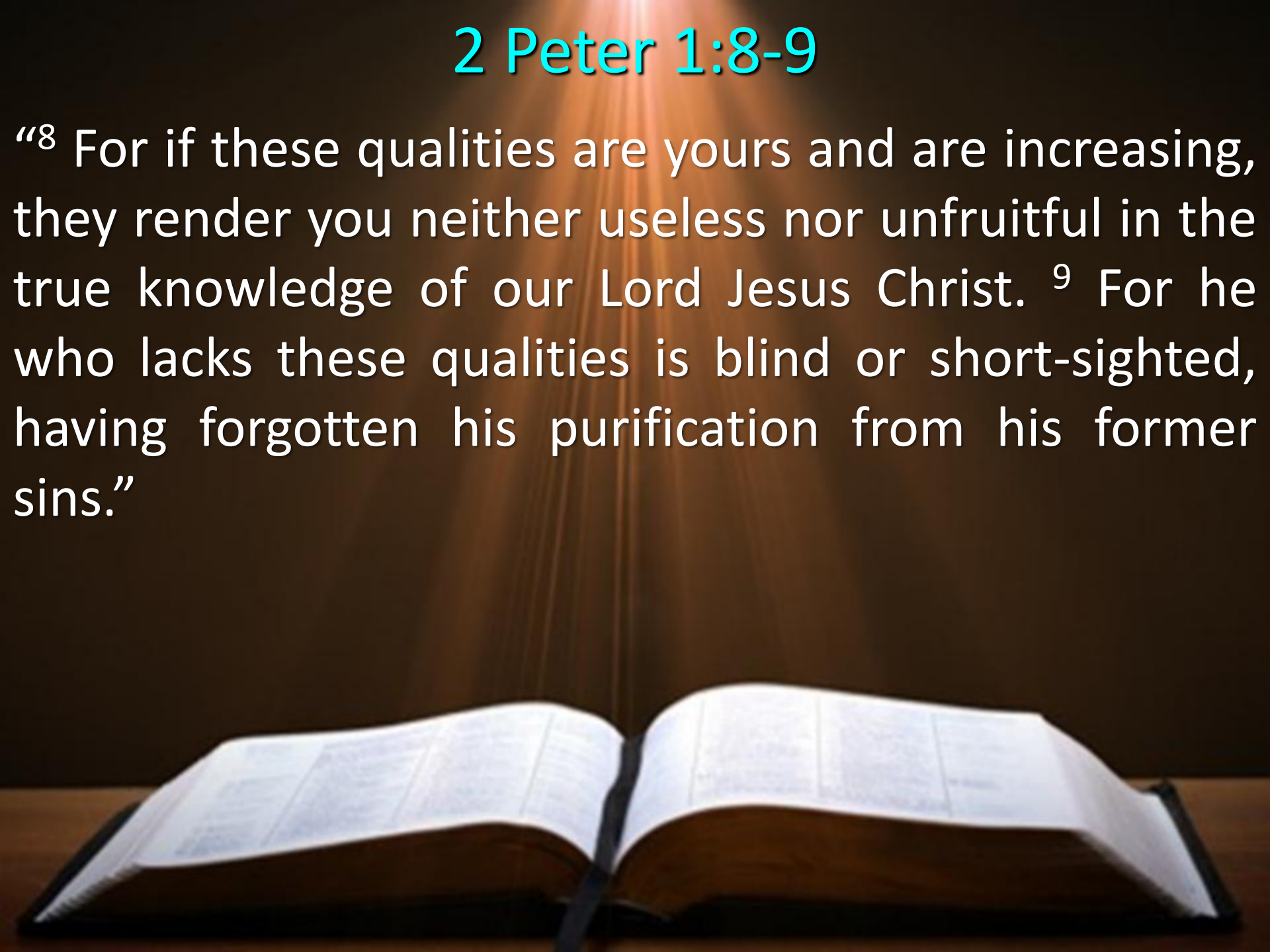
2 Peter 1:1-2

“1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received **a faith of the same kind as ours**, by the righteousness of **our** God and Savior, Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus **our** Lord.”



2 Peter 1:8-9

“8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.”



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"Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being **perfected by the flesh**?"



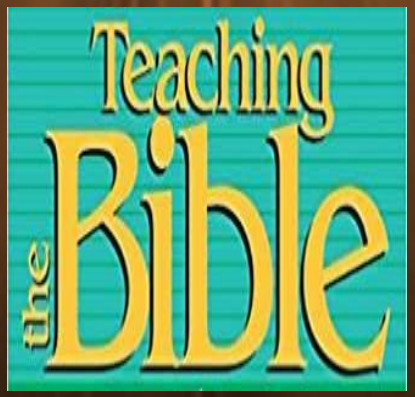
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"You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."



1 Timothy 4:16

"Pay close attention to yourself and **to your teaching**; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you."



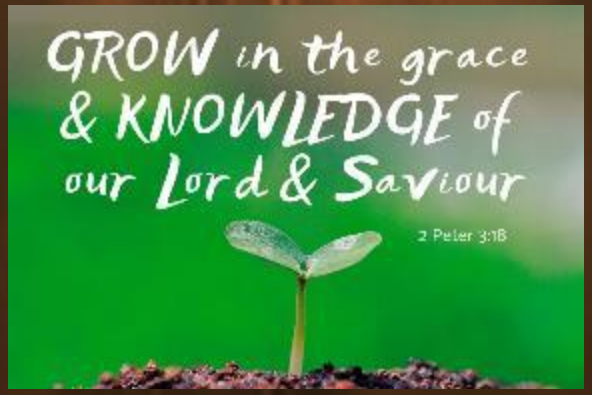
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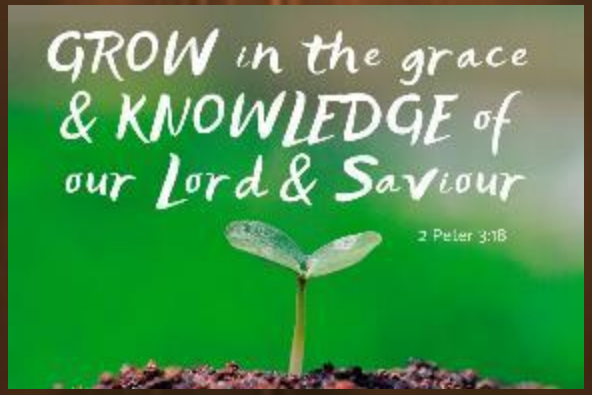
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"... **belongs to the fullness of Christ**. 14 As a **result**, we are no longer to be **children**, **tossed here and there by waves** and carried about by every **wind** of doctrine, by the **trickery of men**, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but **speaking** the **truth in love**, we are to **grow up** in **all** *aspects* into Him who is the head, even . . .



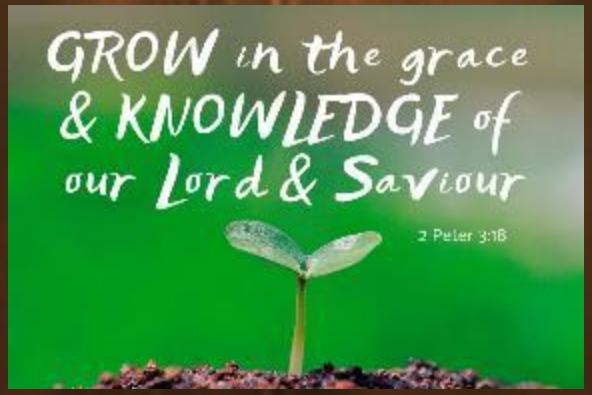
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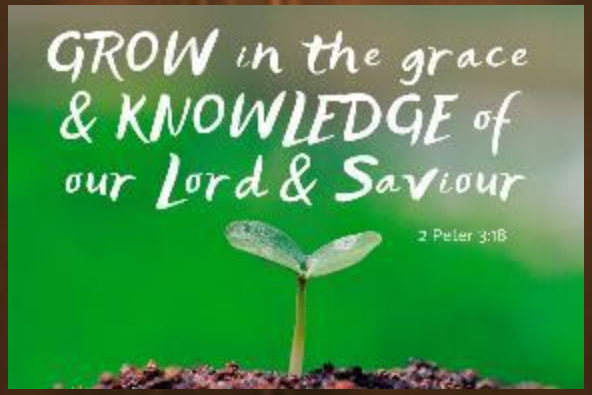
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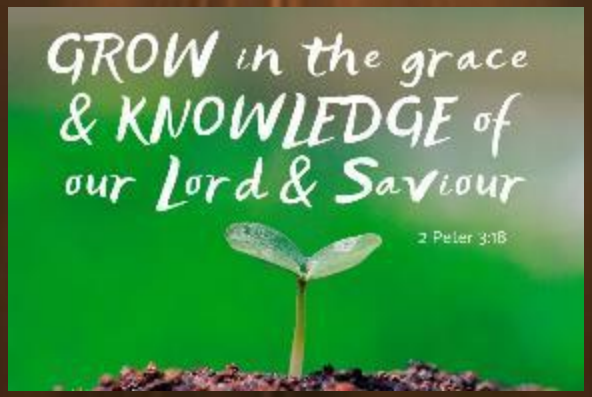
Matt. 7:21-23

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2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
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Dr. Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, pp. 38-41

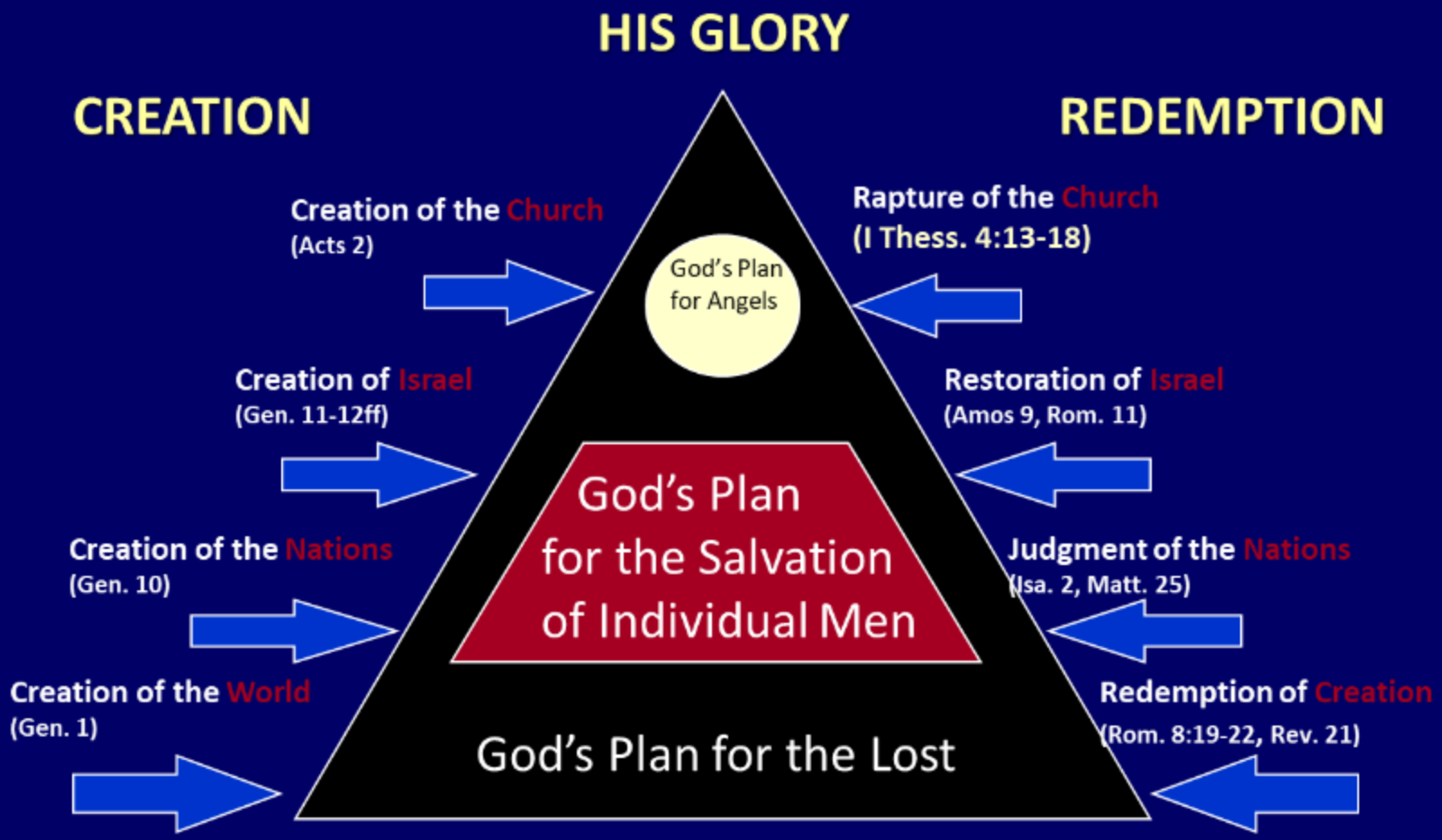
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A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.

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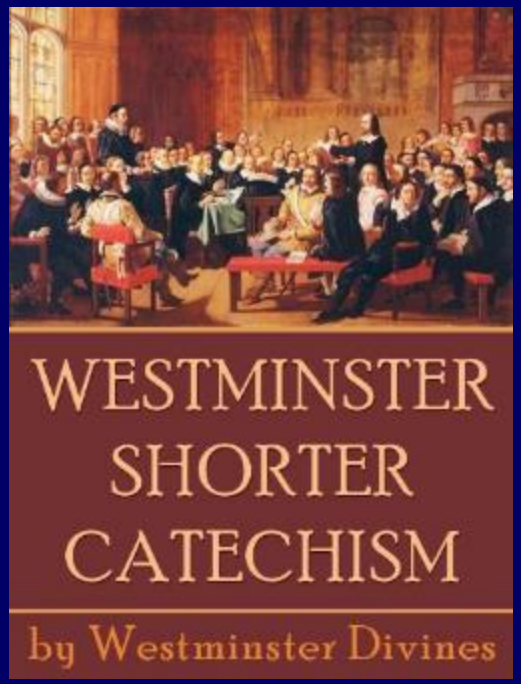
Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, Charles Ryrie, p. 94

THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



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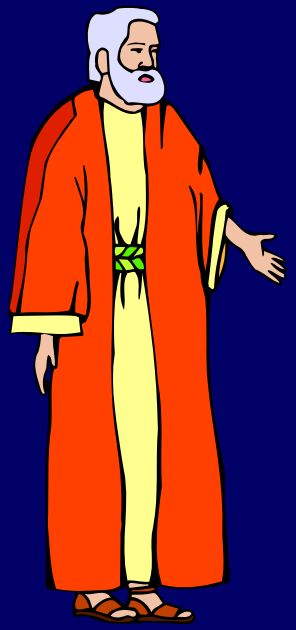
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