

2 Peter

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14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

17 You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Explain: Be Steadfast (3:14-18)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What are the most repeated words in 2 Peter?

Their/them/themselves/they (42), you/your (28), he/his/him (22), our/us/we (21), _____ (21), Lord (15), I/me/my (12), day (9), Jesus (9), _____/knowing/known/knows (9), Christ (8), God (7), knowledge (7), righteous/righteousness (7), beloved (6), destruction/destructive (6), holy (6), own (6)

What are the most repeated words in this text?

_____/your (5), beloved (3), our (3), their/them/they (3), things (3), know/knowledge (2), lord (2), therefore (2)

What do the words mean?

14 Therefore, beloved [*agapetos*; beloved: (dearly, well) beloved, dear], **looking forward to** [present active participle (_____ looking forward to); to anticipate (in thought, hope or fear); by implication, to await: (be in) expect(-ation), look (for), when looked, tarry, wait for] **these things, be diligent** [aorist active _____; to use speed, i.e., to make effort, be prompt or earnest: do

(give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavor, labor, study] **to be found** [*heurisko*; aorist passive infinitive; to find (literally or figuratively): find, get, obtain, perceive, see] **by Him in peace** [peace (literally or figuratively); by implication, prosperity: one, peace, quietness, rest, set at one again], **without spot** [unblemished (physically or morally): without spot, unspotted] **and blameless** [unblamable: blameless]; **15 and consider** [present middle or passive deponent _____]; to lead, i.e., command (with official authority); figuratively, to deem, i.e., consider: account, (be) chief, count, esteem, governor, _____, have the rule over, suppose, think] **that the longsuffering** [longanimity, i.e., (objectively) forbearance or (subjectively) fortitude: longsuffering, patience] **of our Lord** [*kyrios*; supreme in authority, i.e., (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title): God, Lord, master, Sir] **is salvation** [*soteria*; rescue or safety (physically or morally): deliver, health, salvation, save, saving] **—as also our beloved** [*agapetos*] **brother** [*adelphos*; a brother (literally or figuratively) near or remote: brother] **Paul** ["little"], **according to the wisdom** [*sophia*; wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual): wisdom] **given** [aorist passive participle; to give (used in a very wide application, properly, or by implication, literally or figuratively; greatly modified by the connection): adventure, bestow, bring forth, commit, deliver (up), give, grant, hinder, make, minister, number, offer, have power, put, receive, set, shew, smite (with the hand), strike (with the palm of the hand), suffer, take, utter, yield] **to him, has written** [aorist active indicative; to "grave," especially to write; figuratively, to describe: describe, write(-ing, -ten)] **to you, 16 as also in all his epistles** [*epistole*; a written message: "epistle," letter], **speaking** [present active participle (repeatedly speaking); to talk, i.e., utter words: preach, say, speak (after), talk, tell, utter] **in them of these things, in which are** [present indicative; he (she or it) is; also (with neuter plural) they are: are, be(-long), call, come, consists, follow, (that) is (to say), make, means, profit, remains, wrestle] **some things hard to understand** [difficult of perception: hard to be understood], **which untaught** [_____ : unlearned] **and unstable** [_____, i.e., (figuratively) vacillating: unstable] **people twist** [present active indicative; to wrench, i.e., (specially), to torture (by the rack), but only figuratively, to pervert: wrest] **to their own destruction** [*apoleia*; ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal): damnable(-nation), destruction, die, perdition, pernicious ways, waste], **as they do also the rest** [remaining ones: other, which remain, remnant, residue, rest] **of the Scriptures** [*graphe*; a document, i.e., holy Writ (or its contents or a statement in it): scripture].

17 You therefore, beloved [*agapetos*], **since you know this beforehand** [*proginosko*; present active participle (_____ know this beforehand); to know beforehand, i.e., foresee: foreknow (ordain), know (before)], **beware** [present

middle _____; to watch, i.e., be on guard (literally or figuratively); by implication, to preserve, obey, avoid: beware, keep (self), observe, save] **lest you also fall from** [second aorist active subjunctive; to drop away; specially, be driven out of one's course; figuratively, to lose, become inefficient: be cast, fail, fall (away, off), take none effect] **your own steadfastness** [stability (figuratively): steadfastness], **being led away** [aorist passive participle; to take off together, i.e., transport with (seduce, passively, yield): carry (lead) away with, condescend] **with the error** [objectively, fraudulence; subjectively, a straying from orthodoxy or piety: deceit, to deceive, delusion, error] **of the wicked** [lawless, i.e., (by implication) criminal: wicked]; **18 but grow** [present active _____; to grow ("wax"), i.e., enlarge (literal or figurative, active or passive): grow (up), (give the) increase] **in the grace** [*charis*; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude): acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy)] **and knowledge** [*gnosis*; knowing (the act), i.e., (by implication) knowledge: knowledge, science] **of our Lord** [*kyrios*] **and Savior** [*soter*; a deliverer, i.e., God or Christ: savior] **Jesus** ["Jehovah is salvation"].

To Him be the glory [*doxa*; glory (as very apparent), in a wide application (literal or figurative, objective or subjective): dignity, glory(-ious), honor, praise, worship] **both now** ["now" (as adverb of date, a transition or emphasis); also as noun or adjective present or immediate: henceforth, hereafter, of late, soon, present, this (time)] **and forever** [not translated in the NKJV; day, i.e., (literally) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours; figuratively, a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context): age, always, (mid-)day (by day, (-ly)), for ever, judgment, (day) time, while, years]. **Amen** [properly, firm, i.e., (figuratively) trustworthy; adverbially, surely (often as interjection, so be it): amen, verily].

Apply (What is the point?)

1. God's word is trustworthy
2. God is good and right and holy in _____ that He does
3. The _____ is certain

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. **Be diligent to be found by Him in peace**
2. **Consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation**
3. **Grow in the grace and knowledge of _____ Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**