

## 2 Peter 1:1-18

Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have received a faith of the same <sup>1</sup>kind as ours, <sup>2</sup>by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; <sup>3</sup>seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us <sup>4</sup>by His own glory and <sup>5</sup>excellence. <sup>4</sup>For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, **having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.** <sup>5</sup>Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral <sup>6</sup>excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, <sup>7</sup>and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, **having forgotten his purification from his former sins.** <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for **as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;** <sup>11</sup>for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, I will always be ready to **remind you of these things,** even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with *you*. <sup>13</sup>I consider it right, as long as I am in this *earthly* dwelling, **to stir you up by way of reminder,** <sup>14</sup>knowing that the laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an <sup>18</sup>utterance as this was <sup>18</sup>made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"— <sup>18</sup>and we ourselves heard this <sup>18</sup>utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

Peter, the apostle of Jesus Christ. The apostle who Jesus gave the keys of the kingdom, the church. He spoke the gospel message first to the Jews and later to the first Gentiles, bringing both in to one covenant relationship with Christ.

## Communion Meditation Thoughts

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Peter writes these words not long before his death, a death also by crucifixion. His focus in his last writings wasn't about himself, but rather wanted his readers to remember, to remember Jesus, to remember that we once were slaves to sin and corruption, but have been freed and forgiven.

He lists some attributes that are present in the life of a disciple and provides a challenge that if we don't find those attributes present in our lives, that we have forgotten our "purification from sin".

His desire is to stir us up to remembrance in such a way that after he has left his earthly dwelling, that those alive would still remember.

He goes on to describe the Glory that was given Jesus from the father, an event that he was an eyewitness of, call the transfiguration. An event when Jesus shone, and Gods voice came out of heaven, saying, "this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased", "Listen to Him".

Jesus also wants us to remember him, as he instituted this time of communion, saying, "Do this in remembrance of me".

We need reminders, and the word of God, written by men like Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, helps us with remembering.

As we partake together this morning, let's remember Jesus in his Glory and Majesty, dying in humility to free us sin and corruption. Let us also in all humility reflect on our lives, looking for those attributes that demonstrate a forgiven disciple of Jesus.

Father in Heaven, we thank you for Jesus, dying the most horrible death so that we can be free and forgiven. Help us to live our lives in a way that reflects the love that we've been show. Bless the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine that commemorates the body and blood of Jesus. Help our meditation to be sincere and acceptable worship to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.