

GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE

2 Peter 3:14–18 (p. 1897)

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*But grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 3:14–15

What about Paul?

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand . . .

2 Peter 3:15-16

The ignorant and unstable

. . . which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:16b

Discerning the “Scripture twisters”

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. [Instead] grow!

2 Peter 3:17-18

Peter's last word

To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18b

1) Start with JESUS

2) WATCH for the glory

For further study of 2 Peter

Start with the collection of essays at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/2-peter/introductions-outlines-studies>. I found Deffinbaugh's analysis, Kruger's JETS article and Greene's "Tyndale new Testament Lecture" on the canonicity of 2 Peter very helpful.

Bob Deffinbaugh's sermons on 2 Peter at <https://bible.org/series/standing-promises-study-2-peter>. His sermon on this text is at <https://bible.org/seriespage/scripture-twisters-2-peter-314-18>

Immanuel Christian's "How Shall We Live" at <https://bible.org/seriespage/52-1-peter-how-shall-we-then-live-pagan-culture>

Gordon Smith's lecture at <https://www.regentaudio.com/products/catechesis-for-a-secular-age-the-wisdom-of-1-peter>

Alexander Maclaren's introduction to 1 Peter at <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html> and notes at https://biblehub.com/commentaries/maclaren/2_peter/3.htm

Bob Utely's commentary at <http://www.freebiblecommentary.org/pdf/VOL02.pdf>

John Piper's sermons on 2 Peter at <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/2-peter/1/messages>

Doug's expanded translation

Therefore, beloved, the waiting patiently ones,
be diligent

in order to be found in him
without stain and blameless

in peace,

and consider the patience of the Lord
as deliverance

just as our beloved brother Paul wrote to you by the wisdom given him,
as he was speaking in all his "epistles"

about these things,

in which some things are hard to understand,

which the ignorant and unstable torture

as they do to the remaining Writings to their own destruction.

You then, beloved ones, who know beforehand,
guard [present imperative] yourselves

that you

not "being carried off together" by their deceit
might not fall out of your own stability;

instead,

grow [present imperative]

in the grace

and [the] knowledge

of our Lord and Deliverer, Jesus Christ.

To him

[be] the glory both now and in the day of the aeon.

Amen.