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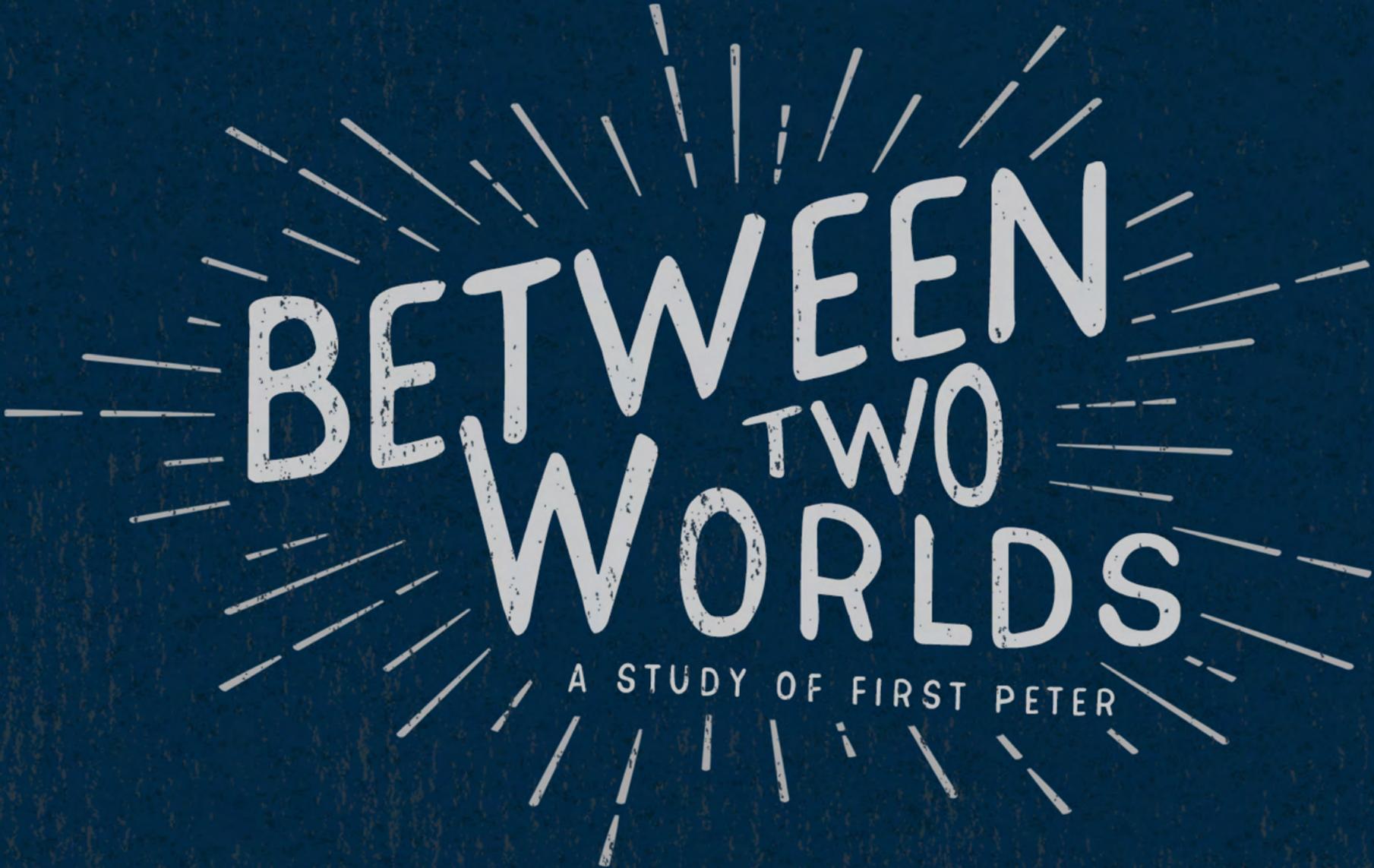
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**PETER**

**GROWING IN GRACE**

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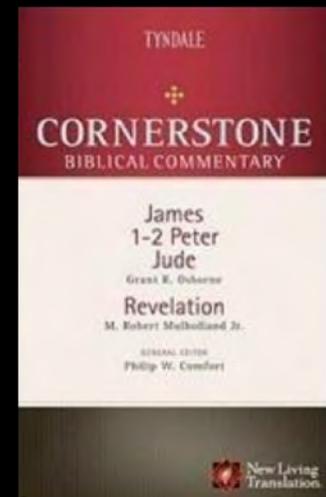
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A STUDY OF FIRST PETER

One of the primary differences between 1 Peter and 2 Peter is that the first (letter) centers on persecution from outside the church, while the second (letter) addresses schism from inside the church caused by false teachers. We know little about these heretics apart from the twofold nature of their teaching: (1) Morally, they were propagating a licentious lifestyle, centering mainly on “shameful immorality” but also on “greed” (2:2–3). Their “twisted sexual desire” (2:10, 18) made them little more than “unthinking animals” (2:12). They “love[d] to indulge in evil pleasures” (2:13) and “commit adultery” (2:14), so much so that they had become “slaves of sin and corruption” (2:19).

(2) Theologically, they were justifying that lifestyle by stating there would be no return of Christ in judgment. They taught “destructive heresies” that denied the Lord (2:1), “slandered” the truth (2:2), and “scoff[ed] at supernatural beings” (2:10). Mainly, they claimed that “everything has remained the same since the world was first created” (3:4), concluding that there will be no second coming of Christ (on the grounds of the delay of the Parousia) and no final judgment (1:16; 3:3–10). They denied that any prophetic texts predicted the Parousia (1:20–21), and so for them the sins of the body remained within their body; God would never call them to account for their earthly sins.

Osborne, Grant R. “2 Peter.” In *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary: James, 1–2 Peter, Jude, Revelation*, edited by Philip W. Comfort. Cornerstone Biblical Commentary. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2011.



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# Jesus names Simon as Peter

## Matthew 16:15-18

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

# Peter's Denial

Luke 22:54-62

<sup>58</sup>A little later someone else saw him and said,  
“You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

<sup>59</sup>About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow  
was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

<sup>60</sup>Peter replied, “Man, I don't know what you're talking  
about!”

# Peter's Reinstatement

John 22:17-19

<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Peter's Martyrdom,  
traditionally dated as  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 64 AD

**Crucifixion of Saint Peter**

Caravaggio, 1601

Oil on canvas

230 cm × 175 cm (91 in × 69 in)

Santa Maria del Popolo, Rome



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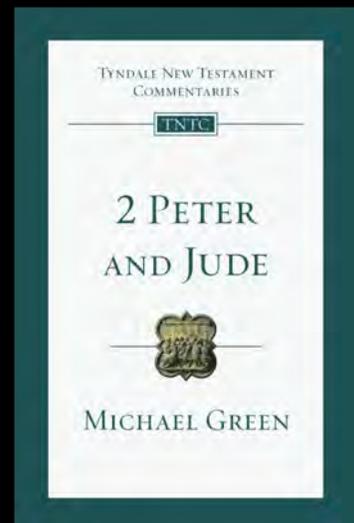
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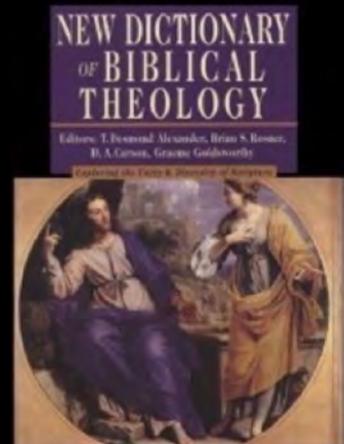


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When the apostles want to establish their unique authority they never appeal to the title 'prophet' but rather call themselves apostles (Rom. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:1; 9:1–2; 2 Cor. 1:1; 11:12–13; 12:11–12; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; 1 Peter 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; 3:2, etc.).

Grudem, W. A. "Prophecy, Prophets." In *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, edited by T. Desmond Alexander and Brian S. Rosner. Electronic ed. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000.



## Matthew 20:20–28

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. <sup>21</sup> "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." <sup>22</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

## Matthew 20:20–28

<sup>24</sup> When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

# Oh the wonderful Cross

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Conviction and Compassion

Truth and Grace

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## **2 Samuel 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.

## **Zephaniah 3:5**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD within (Jerusalem) is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail, yet the unrighteous know no shame.

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To ignore justice is to ignore God. Justice isn't God (we don't worship justice), but his justice is one of His key attributes... We see God's justice personified in Jesus. He will return and restore justice.

~Woke Church, p. 54

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# How the book ends

## 2 Peter 3:17–18

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.

<sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!

Amen.

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Dear Lord Jesus, I acknowledge you are the Creator. You are the Provider. You are the Healer. You are the Savior.

You conquer the great enemies of sin and death. You cancel my debts and proclaim freedom over me. You lay down your life in love and truth, compassion and conviction, humility and authority.

I know that I am a sinner. The best of me is but me at my best. And that's not enough. You've asked for perfection, for holiness, for justice, for goodness, for love, for peace. And I've rebelled against you. Jesus, I ask for Your forgiveness.

I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Your finished work, not my own, I trust in today. Your righteousness, your justice, not my own, I trust in today. Your love and compassion, not my own, I trust in today.

I turn from my sins. I turn to you. I trust and follow You. I need you.

I want to experience the rest you promise for my weak and weary soul. Jesus, draw near as you've promised. Take this heart of stone and replace it with flesh so that the best of You might reign in me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

