

fictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, o make you perfect, p stablish, q strengthen, r settle, s you.

11 To him be glory t and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, u a faithful bro-

A. D. 60.

- o 2Co.4.16.
- p He.13.21.
- q 2Th.3.3.
- r Zec.10.6,12.
- s Ps.138.7,8.
- t ch.4.11.
- u 2Co.1.19.
- v 1Co.15.1.
- w Ro.16.16.
- x Ep.6.23.

ther unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye v stand.

13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

14 Greet w ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace x be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Second Epistle general of PETER.

From the Creation, 4070....Year of the Christian Æra, 66....Year of Matthias, High Priest, 3....Year of Nero, fifth Emperor, 13.

CHAPTER I.

Peter, saluting the Christians, admonisheth them of the gifts and promises of the gospel, etc.

SIMON ¹ Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like a precious faith with us through the righteousness of ² God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace b be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all c things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us ³ to glory and virtue :d

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; e that by these ye might be partakers f of the divine nature, having escaped g the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; h and to virtue knowledge; i

6 And to knowledge temperance; k and to temperance patience; l and to patience godliness; m

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; n and to brotherly kindness charity. o

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be ⁴ barren nor unfruitful p in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, q and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence r to make your calling and election sure: for s if ye

A. D. 66.

- ¹ or, Symeon.
- a Ep.4.5.
- ² our God and Saviour.
- b Da.4.1. 6.25.
- c Ps.84.11. 1Ti.4.8.
- ³ or, by.
- d 2Ti.1.9.
- e 2Co.7.1.
- f He.12.10.
- g ch.2.18,20.
- h Phi.4.8.
- i Phi.1.9.
- k 1Co.9.25.
- l Ja.1.4.
- m 1Ti.4.7.
- n Jno.13.34, 35.
- o 1Co.13.1-3.
- ⁴ idle.
- p Jno.15.2-6.
- q 1Jno.2.9-11.
- r ch.3.17.
- s 1Jno.3.19. Re.22.14.
- t ch.3.1.
- u Jno.21.18, 19.
- v 2Co.4.2.
- w Mat.17.1-5. Jno.1.14.
- x Ps.119.105. Pr.6.23.
- y Re.2.28. 22.16.

do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir t you up, by putting you in remembrance;

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. u

15 Moreover, I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, v when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses w of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light x that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star y arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

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