

2 Peter Series

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The Resumption of 2 Peter Review and Overview

2 Peter



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Guard Against False Teachers

2 Peter Outline

Salutation, 2 Peter 1:1–2

1A God's Will is for us to Grow to Spiritual Maturity, 1:3–21

2A God Warns us About False Teachers, 2:1–22

3A God Refutes Specific False Teaching in Light of the Future Return of Christ, 3:1–14

Conclusion: God mandates us to grow spiritually, in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 3:18.

Key Events in the Life of Peter

- 1. Peter before Christ.**
- 2. Peter's search for the Messiah.**
- 3. Peter as one of the twelve disciples.**
- 4. Peter as an Apostle in the early church.**
- 5. Traditions about Peter.**

Nine Key Events

- 1. Peter walking on the water. Matt. 14:28–31**
- 2. Peter recognizes that Jesus has the words of eternal life. John 6:66–69**
- 3. Peter and the Rock. Matt. 16:13–21; Mark 8:27–30; Luke 9:18–21 (also John 6:66–69)**
- 4. Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration. Matt. 17:1–9; Mark 9:1–9; Luke 9:27–36**

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- 5. Peter struggles with forgiveness. Matt. 18:2–22; John 13:6–11**
- 6. Peter denies the Lord. Matt. 26:69–75; Mark 14:66–72; Luke 22:55–61; John 18:15–27**
- 7. Peter at the empty tomb. Luke 24:12**
- 8. Peter learns about forgiveness. John 21:3–14**
- 9. Peter's commissioning. John 21:15–19**

- 1. Peter in the upper room, Acts 1**
- 2. Peter on the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2**
- 3. Peter and John and the lame man, Acts 3**
- 4. Peter and John and the Sanhedrin, Acts 4**
- 5. Peter's authority over Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1–4**
- 6. Peter and John open the doors to the kingdom to the Samaritan believers in Acts 8:14ff**
- 7. Peter heals the paralyzed and the dead, Acts 9:32ff**
- 8. Peter and Cornelius, Acts 10–11**
- 9. Peter in prison, Acts 12**
- 10. Peter at the Jerusalem Council, Acts 15**

Peter's Travels

- 1. Antioch, Gal. 2:9**
- 2. Corinth, 1 Cor. 9:5**
- 3. Babylon, 1 Peter 5:13**
- 4. Rome and death**

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2 Pet. 3:1, “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),”

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Deity of Christ***



2 Pet. 1:20, “[because we] know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

2 Pet. 1:21, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 Pet. 2:1, “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”

**SALVATION: Faith
Alone in Christ Alone**

MAN: Spiritually Dead

**WORK OF CHRIST:
Penal Substitute**

CHRIST: Fully God, True Humanity

AUTHORITY: *Sola Scriptura*

GOD: Creator, Triune, Infinite, Personal

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1B God wants us to grow and be spiritually productive so as to be able to discern false teaching, 1:3–11

2B Spiritual growth produces spiritual stability, 1:12–15

3B Rewards in the coming kingdom are at stake, 1:16–21

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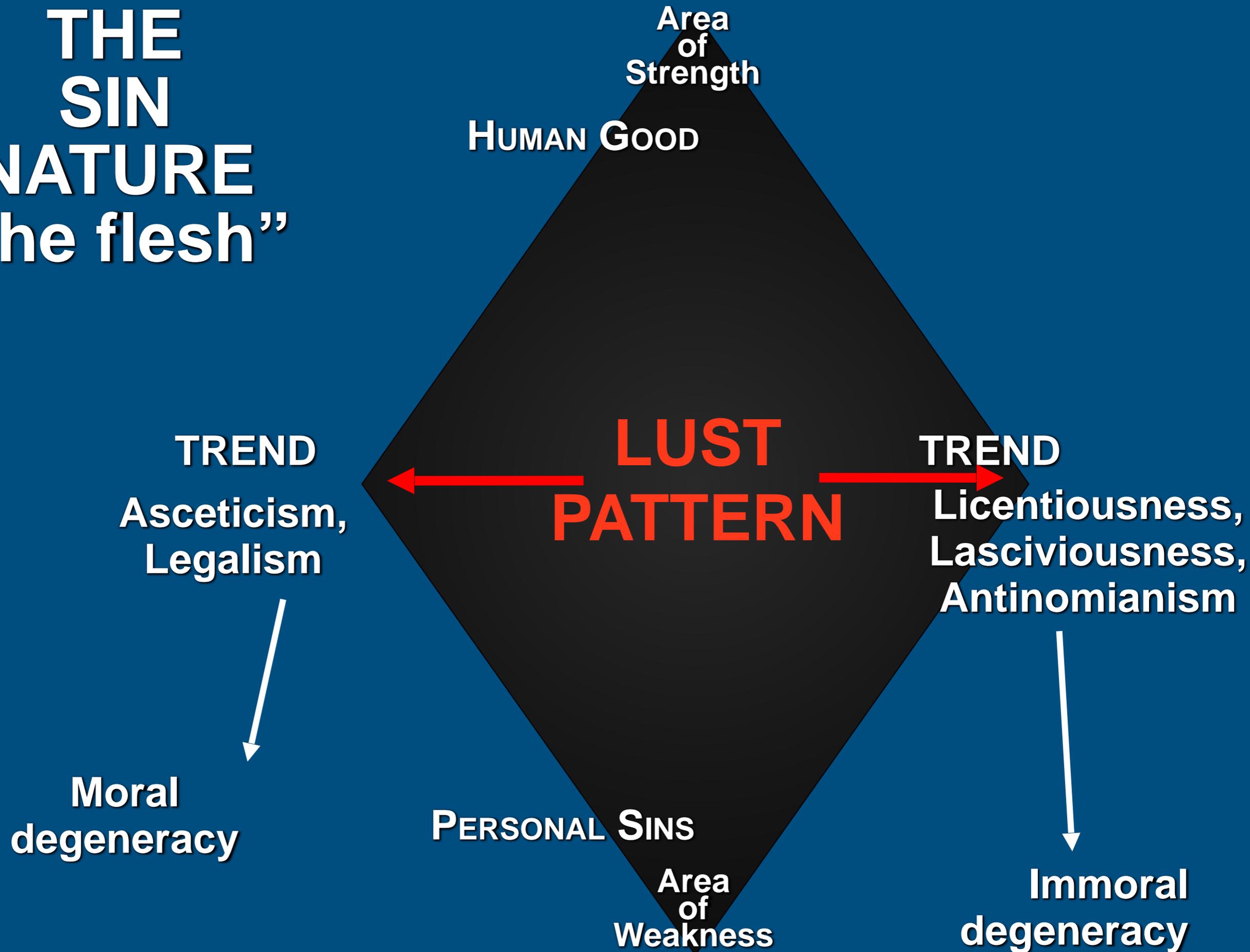
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The starting point as always is the sufficiency of God's Scripture and the sufficiency of God's grace (2 Cor. 12:5–10)

2 Peter 1:3, “Since His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to our [physical] life and spiritual life, through the knowledge [*epignosis*] of Him who called us by glory and virtue, [~RD]

2 Peter 1:4, “by which [glory and virtue] have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers [*koinonia*, partners, sharers] of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”

The Bible defines God's revelation of Himself as Truth.

One of the most deceptive statements that challenges the sufficiency of Scripture, is the saying "all truth is God's truth."

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Equivocation occurs when a word is used more than one time, but its semantic ambiguity is exploited so that a statement appears true, but the key terms are subtly used with different meanings.

In this statement:

All truth refers to truth claims based on finite human interpretation of observations. These interpretations are sometimes facts, or assumed to be facts.

God's Truth refers to the absolute, inerrant, irrevocable TRUTH of God's Word.

In the Bible, the claim is that God is TRUTH, Jesus is the TRUTH, and the Bible is the TRUTH.

John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

However, the human race, since the time of the Fall, has set itself against truth.

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

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2 Pet. 1:6, “to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

2 Pet. 1:7, “to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

2 Pet. 1:8, “For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sorites

Peter presents his virtue list by using a literary device, fashionable during the period, called sorites (or climax, ladder; *gradatio*, gradation).

**Abide in Me
John 15:1–8**

**Walk in Light
Eph. 5:8;
1 Jn. 1:7; Phil. 1:10**

**Walk by the
Spirit
Gal. 5:16**

**John 15:4,
“Abide in Me,
and I in you. As
the branch
cannot bear fruit
of itself, unless
it abides in the
vine, neither can
you, unless you
abide in Me.”**

**Eph. 5:9, “(for
the fruit of the
Spirit is in all
goodness,
righteousness,
and truth),”**

**Phil. 1:11, “being
filled with the fruits
of righteousness
which are by Jesus
Christ, to the glory
and praise of God.”**

**Gal. 5:22, “But the
fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
Gal. 5:23,
“gentleness, self-
control. Against
such there is no
law.”**

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2 Pet. 1:12, “Therefore, I will not neglect to remind you constantly about these things even though you have known them and have been made stable by means of the truth [*en=by means of*] that you now have [or the present truth].”

Jude 5, “But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.”

1. The Bible presupposes absolute truth. Without truth there can be no real communication, without truth there can be no accurate thinking.

Deut. 32:4, “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.”

Psa. 31:5, “Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.”

Psa. 40:11, “Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.”

Psa. 100:5, “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

Psa. 119:142, “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth.”

Psa. 119:151, “You are near, O LORD, and all Your commandments are truth.”

Psa. 119:160, “The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”

Psa. 146:6, “Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,”

2 Pet. 1:13, “Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

2 Pet. 1:14, “knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

2 Pet. 1:15, “Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”

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2 Pet. 1:16, “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

2 Pet. 1:17, “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’

2 Pet. 1:18, “And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

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Truth vs. Relativism

John 8:32, “And you shall know THE TRUTH, and THE TRUTH shall make you free.”

John 14:17, “the Spirit of THE TRUTH, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of THE TRUTH who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

John 16:13, “However, when He, the Spirit of THE TRUTH, has come, He will guide you into all THE TRUTH; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your THE TRUTH. Your word is TRUTH.”

John 17:19, “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by means of TRUTH.”