



2 PETER

THE
KNOWLEDGE
OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR,
JESUS CHRIST.

AUTHORSHIP: WHO WROTE IT?

Simon Peter

2 Peter 1:1

Apostle

2 Peter 1:1

Death Foretold by Christ

2 Peter 1:14-15

Witnessed Transfiguration

2 Peter 1:16-18

Writing Second Epistle

2 Peter 3:1

If not Peter, the author is a fraud.



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External Evidence:

Jerome (AD 350), Eusebius (AD 325), & Origen (AD 253) reported that some in the early church disputed 2 Peter based on its style.

Clement of Rome quoted 2 Peter by AD 95.



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Internal Evidence:

Style consistent with 1 Peter

“faith” – 1 Peter 1:7 2 Peter 1:1

“lust” – 1 Peter 2:11; 4:1-2
2 Peter 1:4; 2:20, 18; 3:3

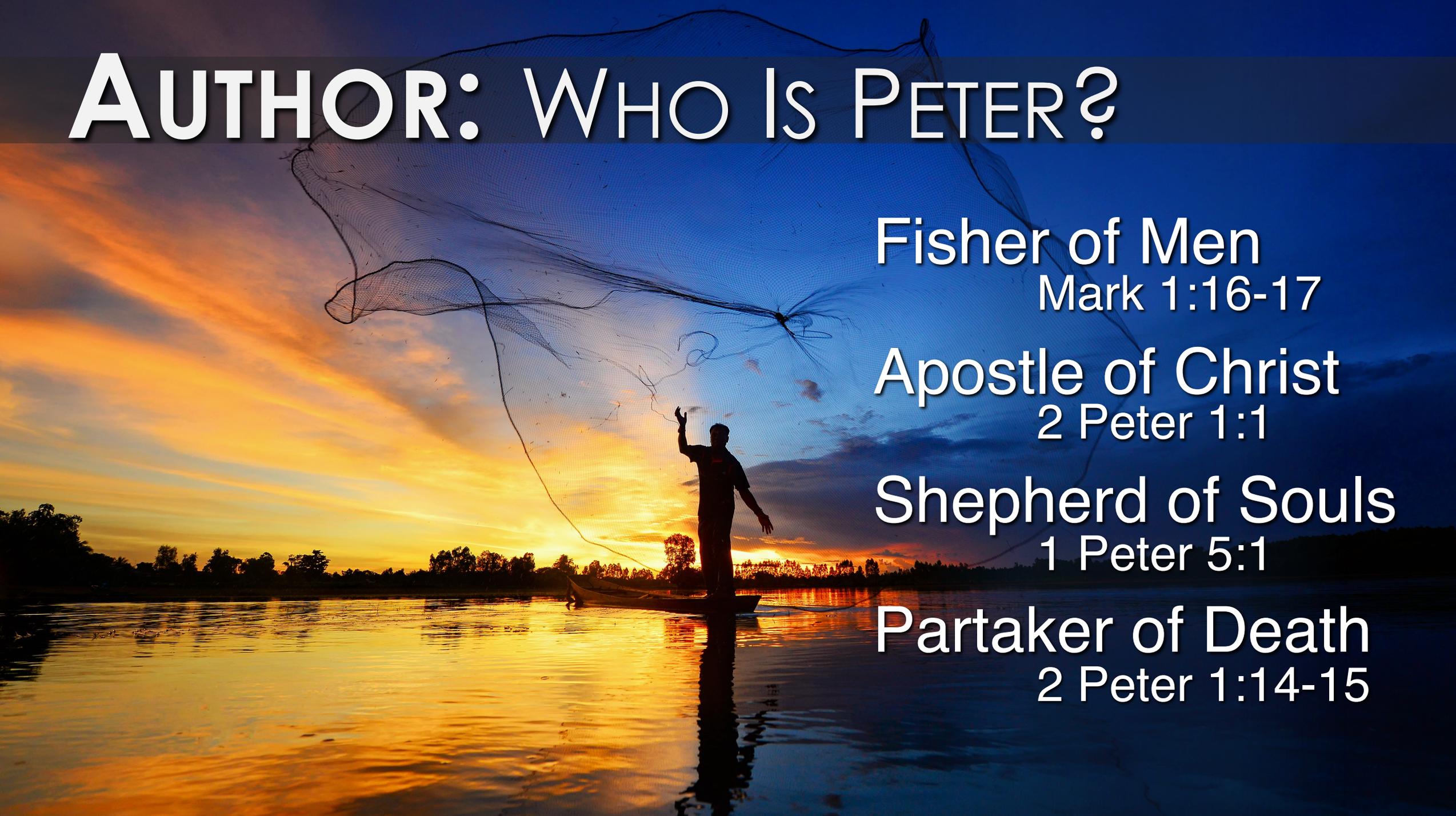
Jude’s Endorsement

2 Peter 2:1-2 Jude 4

2 Peter 2:17-18 Jude 16-18



AUTHOR: WHO IS PETER?

A fisherman is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky, holding a large fishing net over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the clouds and reflecting on the water's surface. The fisherman stands in a small boat, and the net is spread wide, creating a large, dark shape against the bright sky.

Fisher of Men
Mark 1:16-17

Apostle of Christ
2 Peter 1:1

Shepherd of Souls
1 Peter 5:1

Partaker of Death
2 Peter 1:14-15

AUDIENCE: WHO IS ADDRESSED?

Same Audience as 1 Peter.
2 Peter 3:1

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Christians of Multiple Cultures

Hebrew

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter 2:9-10

Gentile

1 Peter 1:14

1 Peter 4:3-4



AIM: WHY IS THIS WRITTEN?

A red dart with a gold ferrule and silver flights is shown hitting the bullseye of a target. The target has concentric rings and numbers 7, 8, and 9 visible. The background is dark blue.

A Reminder of Fundamental Doctrines

2 Peter 1:12-15

2 Peter 3:1-2

A Refutation of False Doctrines

Denied Christ 2:1

Defiled Christianity 2:2-3

Disrespected Authority 2:10-21

Doubted Christ's Return 3:3-4

KEYS: AREAS OF EMPHASIS



Know / Knowledge

1:2-3, 5-6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 20
2:9, 20-21 3:2, 16-18

Remember

1:12-13, 15 3:1-2

Diligence

1:5, 10, 15 3:14

Escaped Pollution

1:3-4, 9 2:18, 20-22

ANTAGONISTS: GNOSTICS

CLAIMED SALVATION THROUGH
INTELLECT

BASED THEIR BELIEFS ON A
VARIETY OF IDEAS FROM OTHER
RELIGIONS: ALEXANDRIAN
PHILOSOPHY, PERSIAN
MYSTICISM, ZOROASTRIANISM,
JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY



ANTAGONISTS: GNOSTICS

BASIC GNOSTIC IDEAS:

SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE – I KNOW; YOU DON'T

DUALISM – SPIRIT GOOD / FLESH BAD

DEMIURGE – LOW LEVEL GODS

DOCETISM – CHRIST NOT HUMAN

CERINTHIANISM – CLAIMED THAT CHRIST DESCENDED ON THE MAN JESUS AT HIS BAPTISM



APPROXIMATE DATE:

After 1 Peter was written
~ AD 64-65

Before Jude was written
~ AD 68

2 Peter 2:1	2 Peter 3:3
Jude 4	Jude 17-18





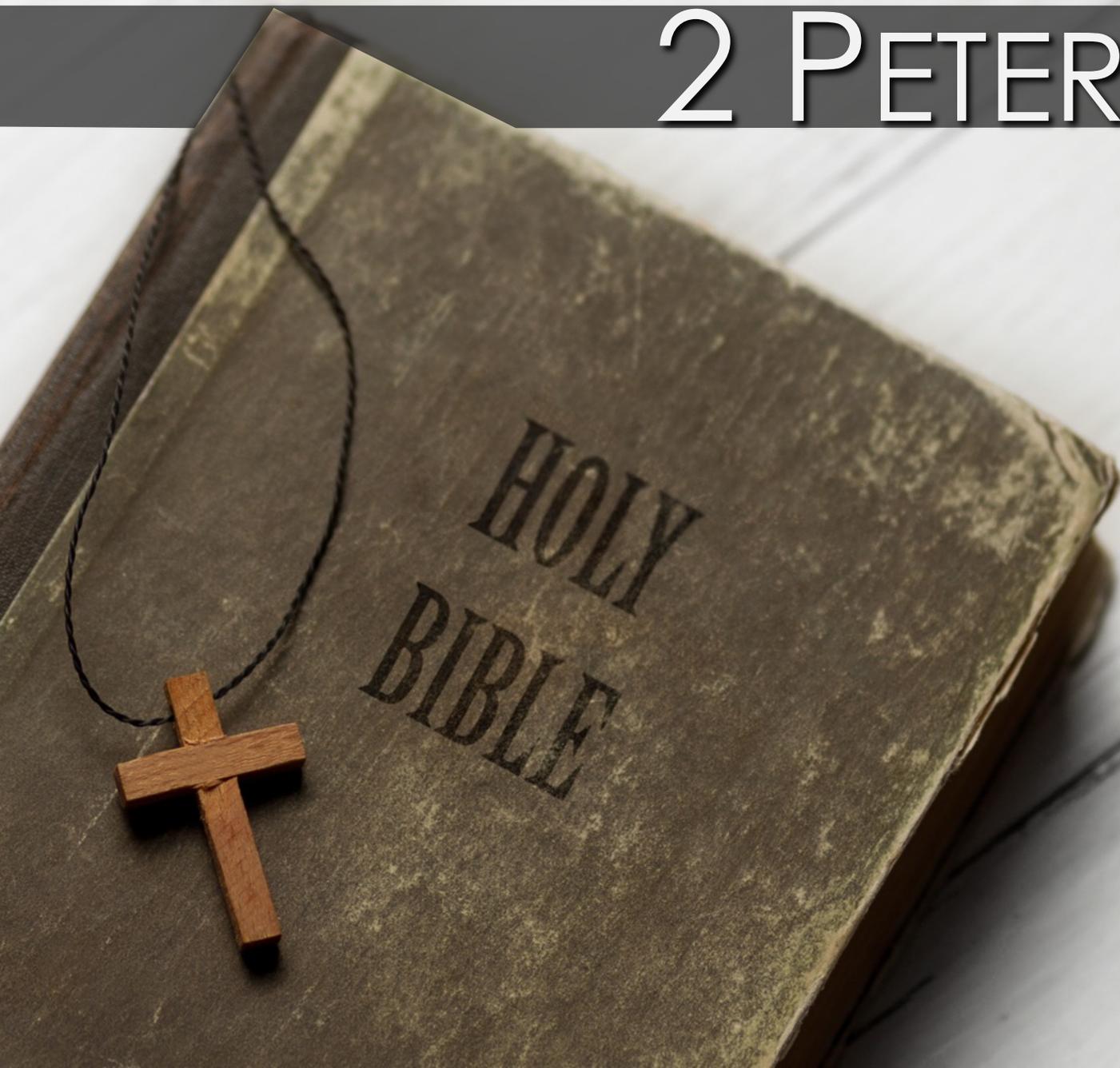
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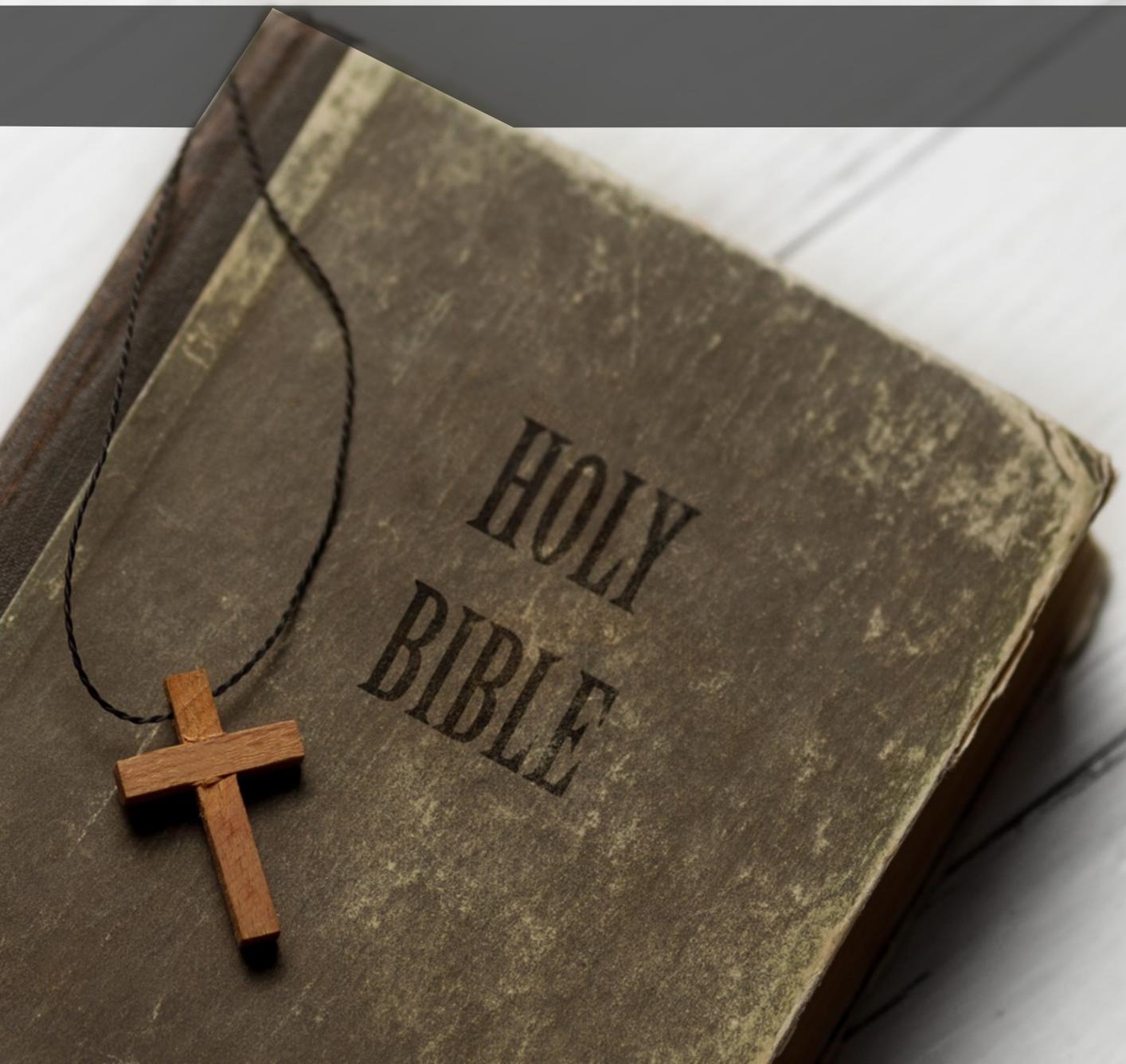
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2 Peter 1:5-11

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2 Peter 1:16-21



GREETING

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Servant – humility

Apostle – authority

...them that have obtained like precious faith with us

Romans 10:17

Jude 3

Romans 6:17

Romans 1:16-17

**...through the righteousness of God
and our Savior Jesus Christ**



GREETING

2 Peter 1:1-2

Grace and peace be multiplied...

2 Peter 1:2

Grace – favor

Peace – tranquility, harmony, concord

...the knowledge of God, & of Jesus our Lord

Knowledge – recognition of precise, correct knowledge

Real, genuine knowledge

More than possessing facts; growth



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2 Peter 1:3-4

...His Divine power...

Ephesians 3:20

Mark 10:27

...given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness...

Psalms 147:5

Titus 1:2

Is God a liar, impotent, or ignorant?

...through the knowledge of Him...

2 Peter 1:8

2:20

3:18



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2 Peter 1:3-4

...that called us to glory and virtue...

1 Peter 5:4

1 Peter 1:14-16

1 Peter 4:3-4



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2 Peter 1:3-4

**Whereby are given unto us
exceeding great and precious
promises...**

See 2 Peter 3:4

3:9

3:13

**...that by these ye might be
partakers of the Divine nature...**

Romans 1:20

Acts 17:29

Colossians 2:9



GOD HAS GIVEN ALL WE NEED

2 Peter 1:3-4

**...having escaped the corruption that is
in the world through lust.**

2 Peter 1:9

2 Peter 2:18-20

2 Peter 3:1



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What Do We Need...? (1:5-7)

We Must Give All Diligence...

...to Add (supply/provide) to...

...Faith – “like precious faith” (1:1)

...Virtue: moral excellence, courage

...Knowledge: factual knowledge

...Temperance: inner strength

...Patience: endure beneath

...Brotherly Kindness

...Charity



WE NEED ALL GOD HAS GIVEN

2 Peter 1:5-11

What Do We Need...? (1:5-7)

Why Do We Need This? (1:8-11)

...to Be Fruitful. 1:8

...to Be Focused. 1:9

...to Be Firm. 1:10

...to Be Accepted. 1:11



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REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN

2 Peter 1:12-15

You Have the TRUTH, & I Will Remind You of It...

...always. 1:12

...as long as I live. 1:13

...as I die. 1:14

...after I am gone. 1:15



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God Provided the Truth through the...

...Apostles' Witness.

1:16-18

Matthew 17:1-5

Mark 9:2-7

Luke 9:28-35

...Prophets' Words.

1:19-21



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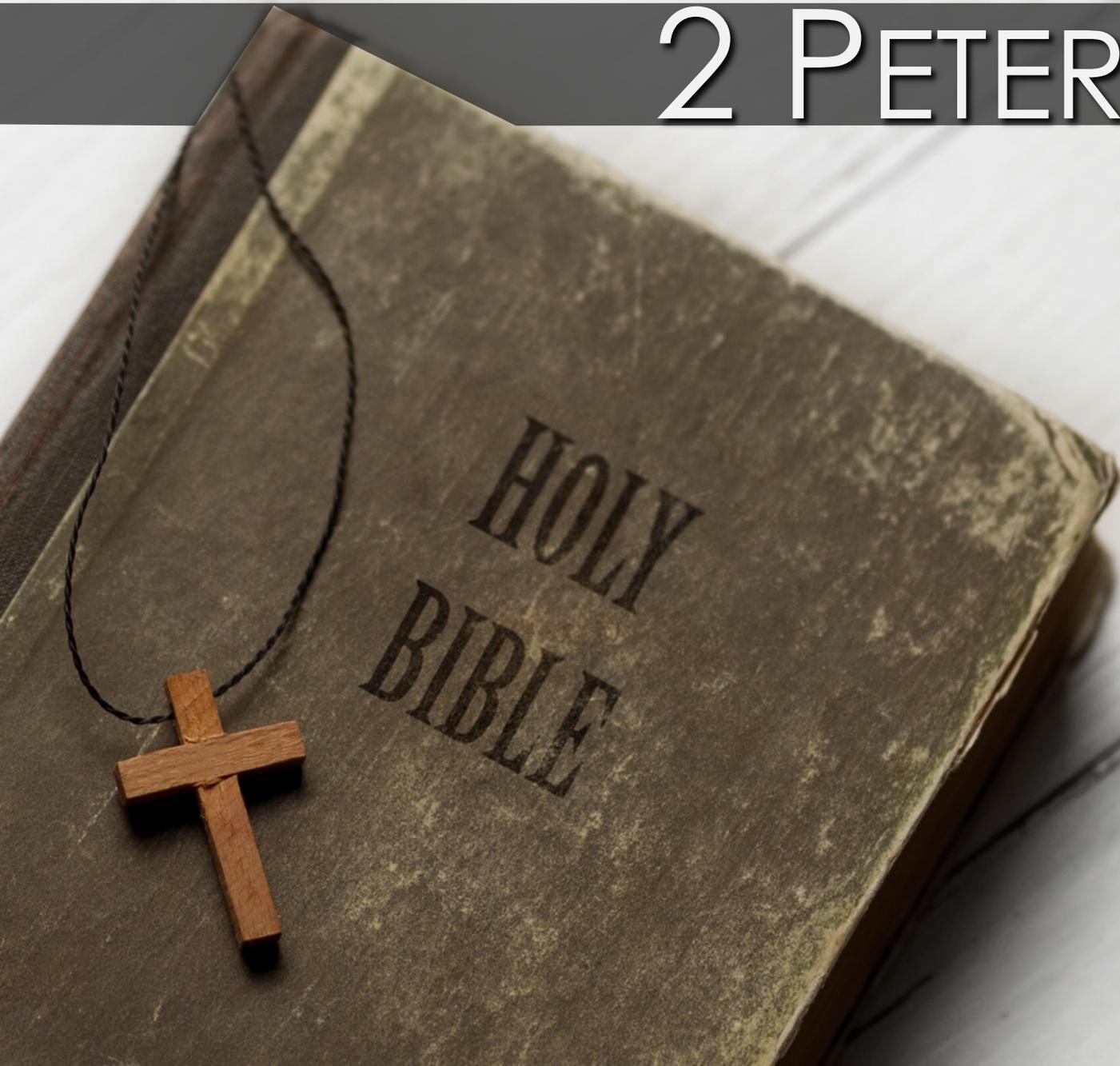
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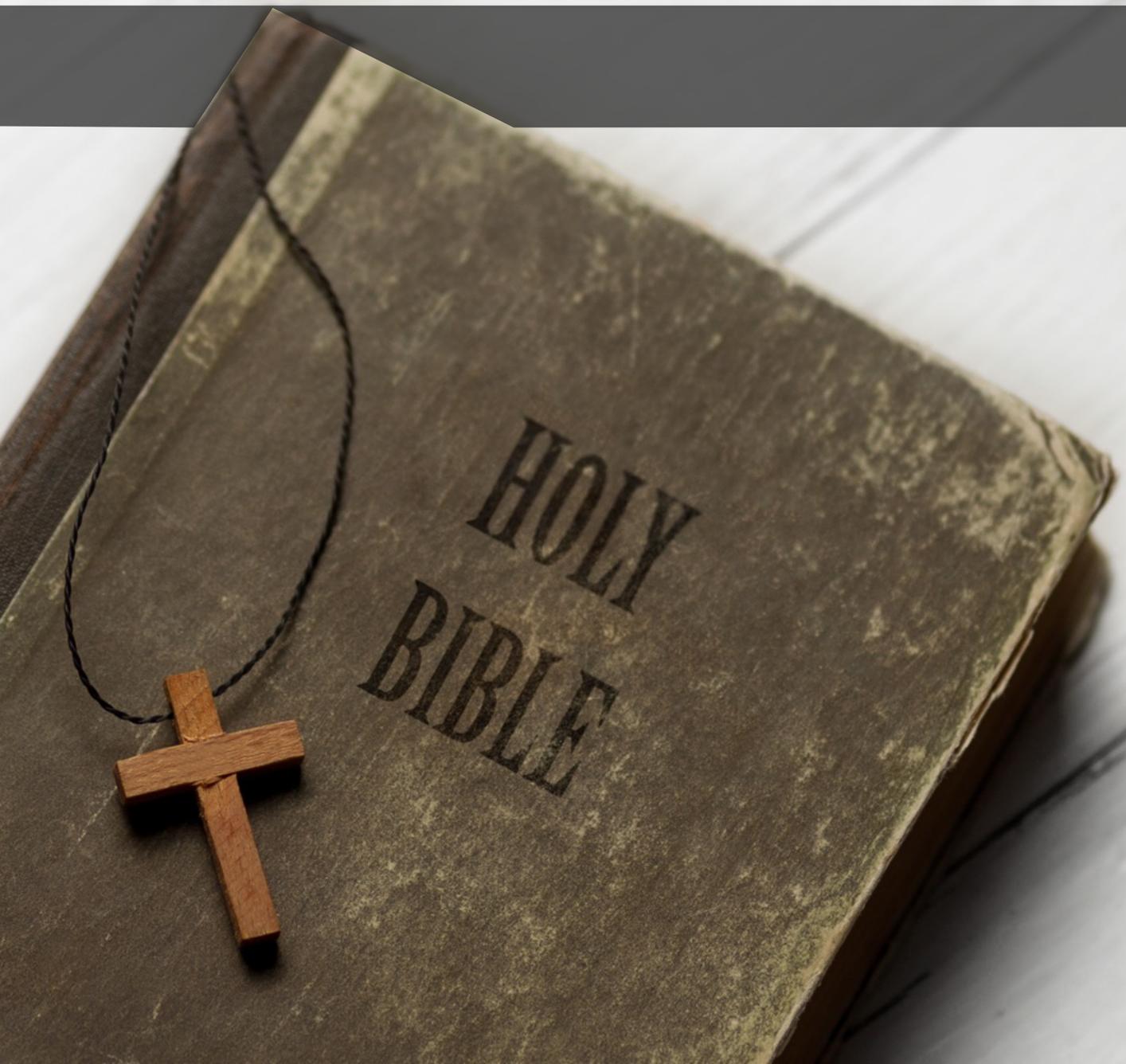


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2 Peter 2:3-10

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2 Peter 2:10-19

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2 Peter 2:19-22



FALSE TEACHERS ARE **DANGEROUS** 2 Peter 2:1-3

They Deceive	2:1 – ‘false’
They Disguise	2:1 – ‘privily’
They Divide	2:1 – ‘heresy’
They Deny	2:1
They Destroy	2:1
They Desire	2:2-3
They Disgrace	2:2
They Devalue	2:3



FALSE TEACHERS ARE **DANGEROUS**

2 Peter 2:1-3

How to Spot a Fraud:

Does it lead toward God?

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

Is it consistent with scripture?

Deuteronomy 13:5

Is the prophecy accurate?

Deuteronomy 18:20-22

Who made the prophet a prophet?

Amos 7:14-15

Does the prophet preach what is needed, or what is desired?

Micah 3:5-6



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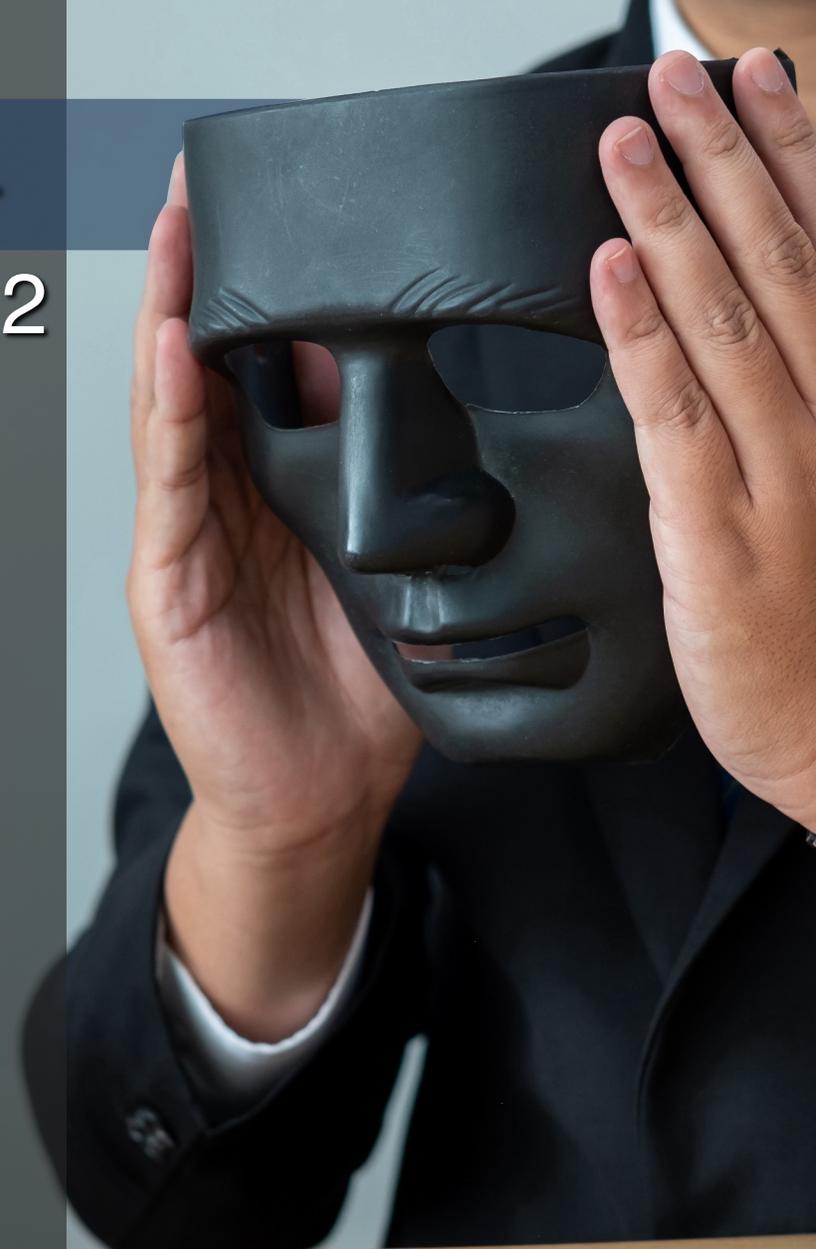
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See 2 Peter 2:9

- God Knows What He Is Doing.
- God Knows How to Deliver the Godly.
- God Knows How to Punish the Unjust.
- God Knows **WHEN** to Punish the Unjust.

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2 Peter 2:3-10

God Knows What He Is Doing...

- He judged rebellious angels.
2 Peter 2:4
- He judged the “old world” & delivered Noah.
2 Peter 2:5
- He judged Sodom & delivered Lot.
2 Peter 2:6-8
- He judges the unjust & delivers the godly
2 Peter 2:9

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Who Can Expect Punishment?

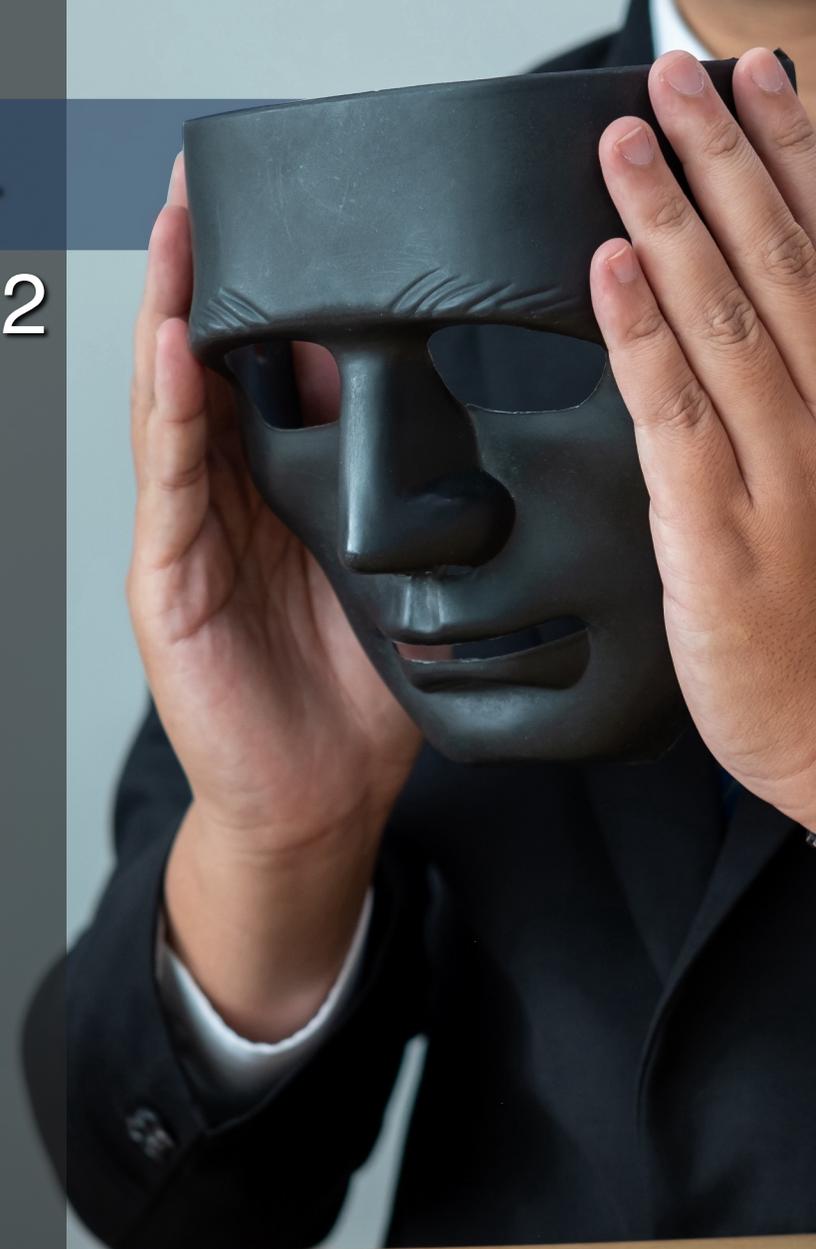
- Those Who Indulge in Iniquity.
- Those Who Disdain Dominion.
- Those Who Dare Danger.
- Those Who Serve Self.
- Those Who Defame Dignities.

2 Peter 2:10

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2 Peter 2:10-19

Uncleanness 2:10

Corruption 2:12

Corruption 2:19

Pollution 2:20



FALSE TEACHERS ARE **DIRTY**

2 Peter 2:10-19

They Speak Dirty Words of

A. Insolence. 2:10-11

B. Ignorance. 2:12

C. Indulgence. 2:13-14

D. Iniquity. 2:15-16

E. Impotence (Vanity)
2:17-19



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FALSE TEACHERS ARE **DEGRADING** 2 Peter 2:10-19

A. They Rob Christians of Liberty.

2:19

B. They Rob Christians of Purity.

2:20

C. They Rob Christians of Dignity.

2:21-22



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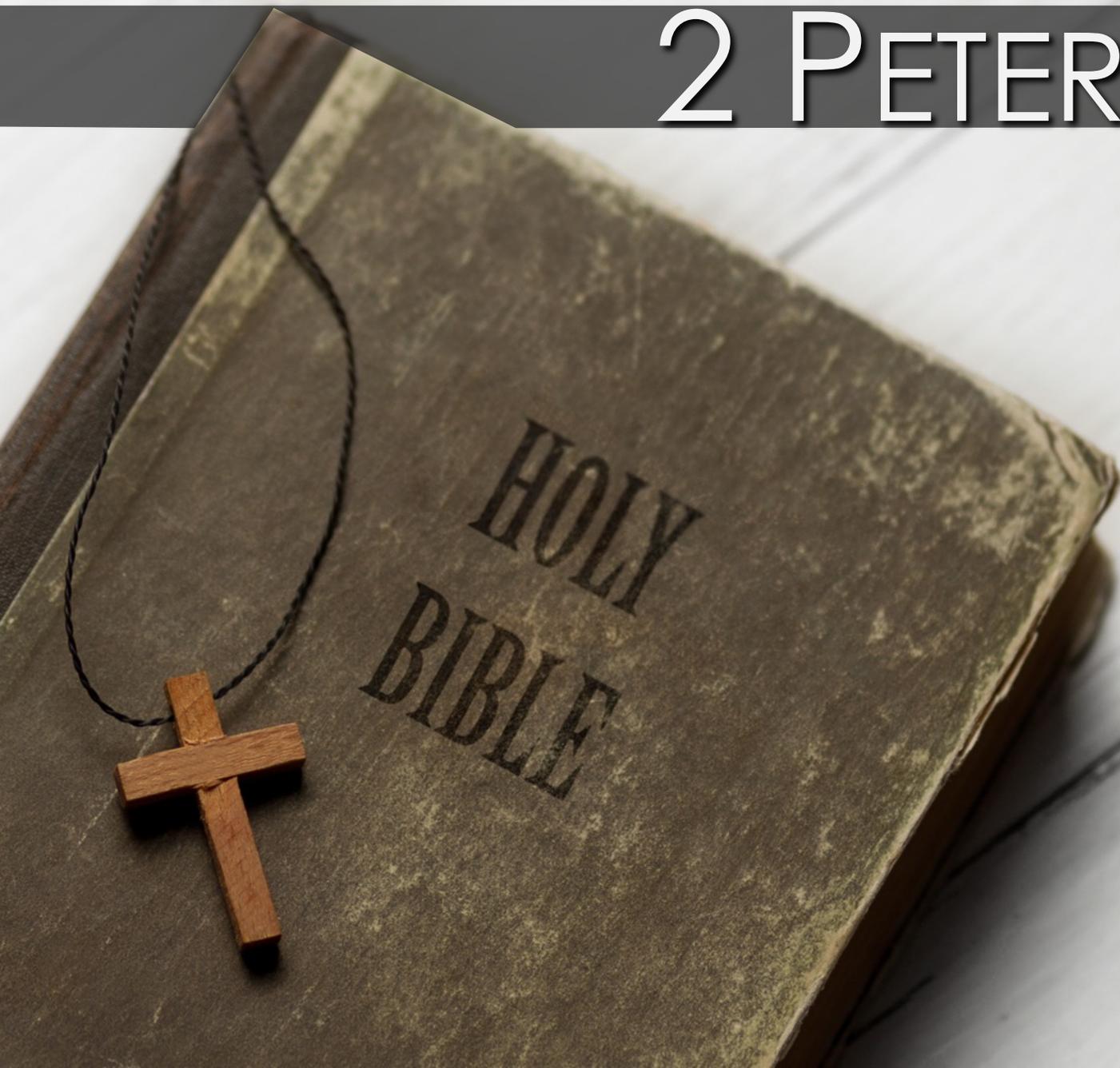
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Trust God's Word

3:1 3:2

3:4 3:5 3:6 3:7

3:9

3:13

3:14 3:15

2 Peter 3



Remember the Final Guarantee

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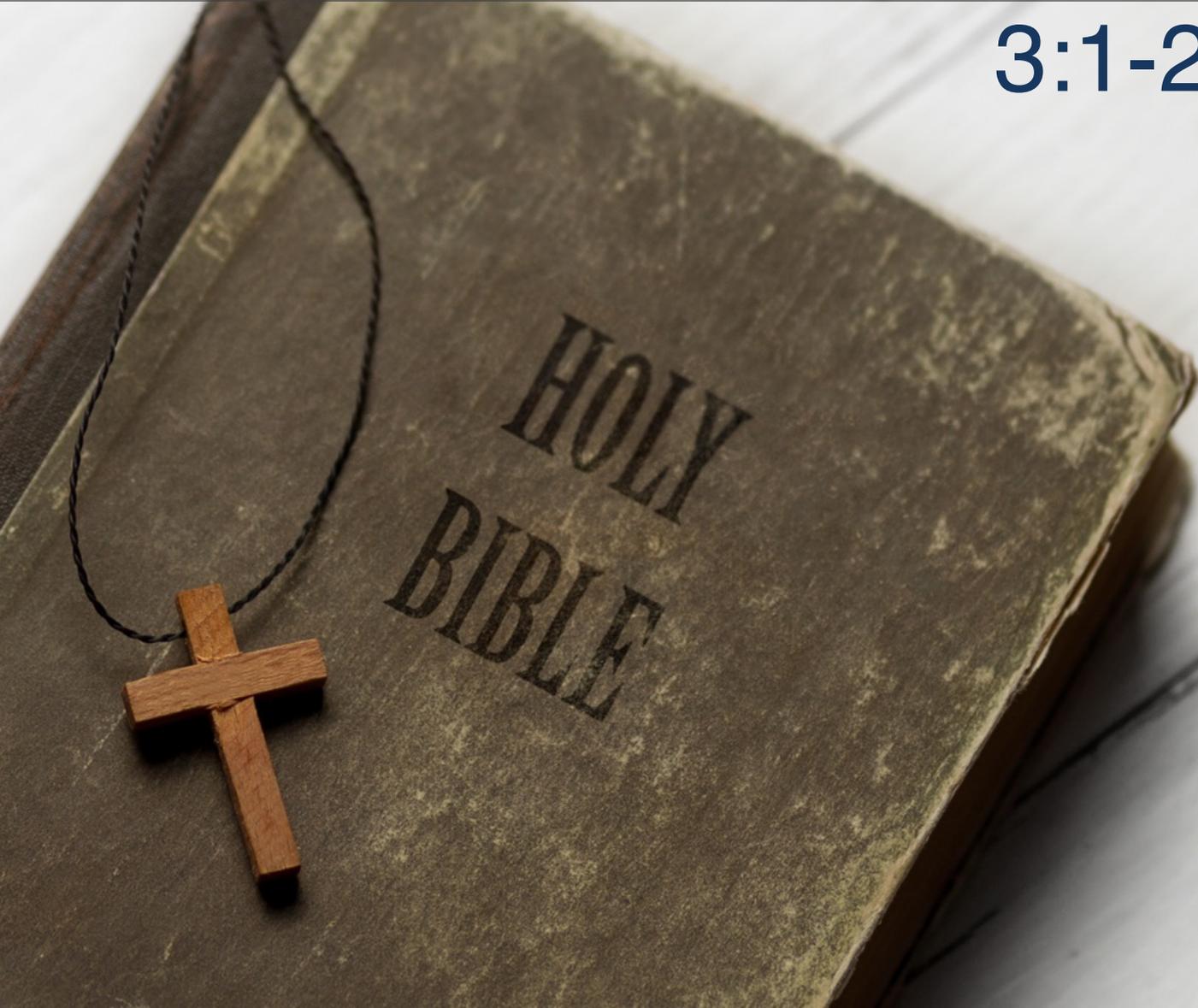


BE MINDFUL OF THE
3:1-2

MESSAGE OF CHRIST

Remember...

- A. That Last Letter
3:1
- B. This New Letter.
3:1
- C. The Old Testament.
3:2a
- D. The New Testament.
3:2b



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He Is Coming Back:
A. Be Not Insolent at
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Isaiah 5:18-19
Jeremiah 5:12
Jeremiah 17:15
Ezekiel 12:22-27
Malachi 2:17

2 Peter 3:3-10

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His Word...

...Formed the World...

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BE READY FOR THE
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**RETURN
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To Be Ready, Be...

A. Living for Him.

3:11

B. Looking for Him.

3:12-14

C. Laboring for Him.

3:14

D. Levelheaded in Him.

3:14-17



PETER'S POWERFUL PICTURE OF PENITENCE

Galatians 2:11-14

1 Peter 1:1

2 Peter 3:1

2 Peter 3:15-16



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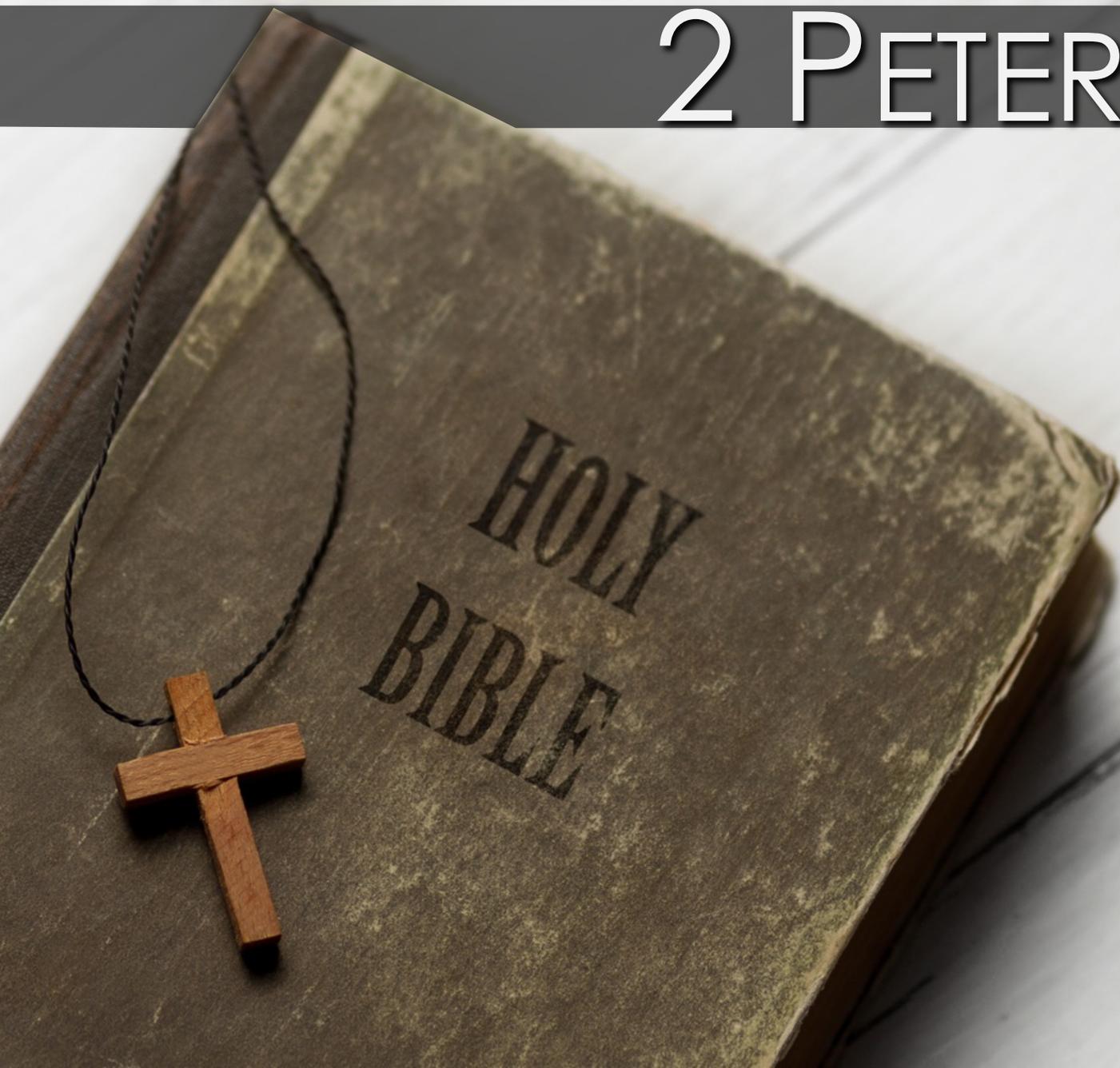
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