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Knowledge



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It seems we know about

all the wrong things...

What We Know About...

The Need: Today's Listeners

- A1985: First year more videos checked out of library than books.
- 2015: 9 hrs. a day spent on "entertainment media" by teens 13-18. (source: Common Sense Media, Oct. 2015).
- Average age of "gamers": 30. (source: Boston Globe, 2005). Average American adult spends 17x as much time watching TV as all reading (books, magazines, newspaper, etc.). (source: Why Johnny Can't Preach, Gordon, 35). We touch our cell phones (tap, swipe, click) 2,617 times a day. (source: Network World, July 7, 2016).

Theme

Knowledge to Combat False Teaching



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Key Verse

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Growing In Faith



Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

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What to know to grow...

What must you know to grow in grace rather than to fall for false teaching?

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Background to 2 Peter



Let's Study Through Scripture

The Bible: Book by Book



The Great Fire of Rome

July AD 64

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A Circular Letter from Peter to Turkey...

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Contrasting Peter's Two Letters									
	<u>First Peter</u>	<u>Second Peter</u>							
Nature of Problem	Persecution (Hostility)	False Teaching (Heresy)							
Source of Problem	External	Internal							
Theme	Норе	Knowledge							
Key Word (all forms)	"suffering" (16 times)	"knowledge" (16 times)							
Date	Early AD 64	Early spring AD 64							

Joshua Harris

JOSHUA HARRIS





Joshua & Shannon Harris



Joshua Harris, the author of the book, I Kissed Dating Goodbye, is leaving his wife of 20 years and is walking away from the Christian faith....





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also been spiteful, hateful comments that angered and hurt me.)

The information that was left out of our announcement is that I have undergone a massive shift in regard to my faith in Jesus. The popular phrase for this is "deconstruction," the biblical phrase is "falling away." By all the measurements that I have for defining a Christian, I am not a Christian. Many people tell me that there is a different way to practice faith and I want to remain open to this, but I'm not there now.

Apostasy of Joshua Harris



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"The man who urged Christians to embrace "The man who urged Christians to embrade "purity" if they wanted a happy marriage is "now ending his own" "Now ending his own" "Friendly Atheist website

Three truths to know...



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What to know to grow...

2 Peter 1

What do you really need to know?

You are complete in Christ as God (2 Pet 1:1-4).
"This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior" (2 Peter 1:1 NLT).

"May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord" (2 Peter 1:2 NLT). "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence" (2 Peter 1:3 NLT).

"And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires" (2 Peter 1:4 NLT).

Five Promises

 We have all we need to live a godly life (3).
 We share "his divine nature" where we will eventually become like Christ (4b).
 We can escape any sin (4c).
 We are elected and promised salvation (10).
 If we're consistent in character (5-9), then we will be richly rewarded (10-11).



Grow step-bystep in Christlikeness (5-7)

"In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge" (2 Peter 1:5 NLT). "and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness" (2 Peter 1:6 NLT). "and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone" (2 Peter 1:7 NLT).

Effective & Productive Christian Life (1:5-7)

Pure & Christ-like ("participate in the divine nature," v. 4)

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Love **Brotherly Kindness** Godliness Perseverance Self Control Knowledge Goodness Faith



We don't always grow in Christlikeness (1:8-9).



"The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:8 NLT). "But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins" (2 Peter 1:9 NLT). When we work hard, we'll be rewarded instead of falling away (1:10-11). "So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away" (2 Peter 1:10 NLT). "Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:11 NLT).

Main Idea of 2 Peter 1:1-11

Know you're complete in Christ to be / more like Christ.

Attacks Against Scripture^{289b} Today



What teaching do you hear today that seeks to undermine the truthfulness of our faith?



The Gospel of Brown

 Jesus married Mary Magdalene Their daughter grew up in France His deity was invented in AD 325 • We have the wrong NT Gospels Christianity = the Divine Feminine Christians cover up this conspiracy

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LOVE WINS ROD BE

Rob Bell Universalism



At the center of the Christian tradition since the first church have been a number who insist that history is not tragic, hell is not forever, and love, in the end, wins and all will be reconciled to God.

–Rob Bell—

Apostasy of Rob Bell

"I am for marriage... I am for fidelity. I am for love, whether it's a man and woman, a woman and a woman, a man and a man. I think the ship has sailed and I think... we need to affirm people wherever they are."



Regarding homosexual marriage: "We're moments away. I think the culture is already there. And the church will continue to be even more irrelevant when it quotes letters from 2000 years ago as their best defense."



"For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I must soon leave this earthly life, ¹⁵so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone" (2 Pet. 1:14-15 NLT)

Church tradition says Peter requested to be crucified upside down

What is Prophecy?

"knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit"

2 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)

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Wayne Grudem on Prophecy



Professor of NT Phoenix Theological Seminary Prophecy is... "telling something that God has spontaneously brought to mind"

("Why Christians Can Still Prophesy: Scripture Encourages Us to Seek this Gift Yet Today," *Christianity Today* [September 16, 1988], 29) What must you know to grow in grace rather than to fall for false teaching?

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2 Peter 2

Major Theme

KNOWLEDGE...

for spiritual growth (2 Pet. 1)
to combat heresy (2 Pet. 2)
to sustain hope (2 Pet. 3)



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"But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves" (2 Peter 2:1 NLT).

2 Peter 2

A. (2:1-3a) What are the Characteristics of False Teachers?

- Infiltration/secrecy (1a)
- Destructive heresies (1b)
- Deny Christ as Lord (1c)
 - Self-destructive (1d)
 - Many followers (2a)
 - Shameful ways (2b)
- Discredit Christianity (2c)
 - Greed (3a)
 - Exploitive (3b)
 - Condemned (3c)



2 Peter 2

B. (2:3b-10a) Hell for the Apostates Protection for the Righteous

The destiny of all apostates in hell shows that believers will be protected as much as apostates will be condemned.





Balaam Numbers 22–24
The Balaam Narrative



 Balak fails to turn God against Israel– blessing by Balaam (Num. 22–24)

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They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey-a beast without speechwho spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

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2 Peter 2:15-16 (NIV)



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2 Peter 3

"...in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. ⁴They will say, What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again?"" (2 Pet. 3:3b-4a NLT).

Christ's Return

"'From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.' They deliberately forget that God made the heavens by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water" (2 Pet. 3:4b-5 NLT).

Christ's Return

Creation

"Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood" (2 Pet. 3:6 NLT).

Christ's Return

Creation

Global Flood

Christ's Return

Creation

Global Flood

How will the Universe end?

Evolution

Bible





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How does the Bible say it will end?

"But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment" (2 Pet. 3:10 NLT)

How to live in light of the end?

"Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, ¹²looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames" (2 Pet. 3:11-12 NLT)

How to live in light of the end?

"But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness" (2 Pet. 3:13 NLT)

Key Verse

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Main Idea

Know that Christ chose you and will judge apostates at his return.



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For Life Change: Which teachers in your experience must you warn yourself and your family about? How?



Is God's Word shaping you to grow in the grace and the knowledge of Christ?

Bible Reading Plan

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	Epistles	The Law	History	Pslms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
Week	(Sunday)	(Monday)	(Tuesday)	(Wednesday)	(Thursday)	(Friday)	(Saturday)
1	🖵 Rom 1-2	Gen 1-3	Josh 1-5	Ps 1-2	Job 1-2	🖵 Isa 1-6	🖵 Matt 1-2
2	G Rom 3-4	Gen 4-7	🖵 Josh 6-10	Ps 3-5	Job 3-4	🖵 Isa 7-11	🖵 Matt 3-4
3	Rom 5-6	Gen 8-11	Josh 11-15	Ps 6-8	🖵 Job 5-6	🖵 Isa 12-17	🖵 Matt 5-7
4	🖵 Rom 7-8	Gen 12-15	J osh 16-20	D Ps 9-11	🖵 Job 7-8	🖵 Isa 18-22	🖵 Matt 8-10
5	🖵 Rom 9-10	Gen 16-19	Josh 21-24	Ps 12-14	🖵 Job 9-10	🖵 Isa 23-28	🖵 Matt 11-13
6	Rom 11-12	Gen 20-23	🖵 Judg 1-6	Ps 15-17	Job 11-12	🖵 lsa 29-33	🖵 Matt 14-16
7	C Rom 13-14	Gen 24-27	🖵 Judg 7-11	Ps 18-20	🖵 Job 13-14	🖵 Isa 34-39	🖵 Matt 17-19
8	Rom 15-16	Gen 28-31	J udg 12-16	Ps 21-23	Job 15-16	🖵 Isa 40-44	🖵 Matt 20-22
9	1Cor 1-2	Gen 32-35	J udg 17-21	Ps 24-26	Job 17-18	🖵 Isa 45-50	Att 23-25
10	🖵 1Cor 3-4	Gen 36-39	C Ruth	Ps 27-29	Job 19-20	🖵 Isa 51-55	🖵 Matt 26-28
11	1Cor 5-6	Gen 40-43	🖸 1Sam 1-5	Ps 30-32	Job 21-22	🖵 Isa 56-61	G Mark 1-2
12	1Cor 7-8	Gen 44-47	🖵 1Sam 6-10	Ps 33-35	Job 23-24	🖵 Isa 62-66	🖸 Mark 3-4
13	1Cor 9-10	Gen 48-50	🖵 1Sam 11-15	Ps 36-38	Job 25-26	I Jer 1-6	Ark 5-6
14	1Cor 11-12	E x 1-4	🖵 1Sam 16-20	Ps 39-41	Job 27-28	🖵 Jer 7-11	🖵 Mark 7-8
15	🖬 1Cor 13-14	🖵 Ex 5-8	1Sam 21-25	Ps 42-44	🖵 Job 29-30	🖵 Jer 12-16	Mark 9-10
16	1Cor 15-16	🖵 Ex 9-12	🖸 1Sam 26-31	Ps 45-47	J ob 31-32	🖵 Jer 17-21	G Mark 11-12
17	2Cor 1-3	E x 13-16	2Sam 1-4	Ps 48-50	Job 33-34	🖵 Jer 22-26	G Mark 13-14
18	2Cor 4-5	Ex 17-20	2Sam 5-9	Ps 51-53	J ob 35-36	J er 27-31	General Mark 15-16
19	2Cor 6-8	Ex 21-24	2Sam 10-14	Ps 54-56	🖵 Job 37-38	🖵 Jer 32-36	Luke 1-2
20	Q 2Cor 9-10	Ex 25-28	2Sam 15-19	D Ps 57-59	Job 39-40	J er 37-41	Luke 3-4
21	2Cor 11-13	E x 29-32	2Sam 20-24	Ps 60-62	🖵 Job 41-42	🖵 Jer 42-46	Luke 5-6
22	Gal 1-3	Ex 33-36	🖸 1Ki 1-4	D Ps 63-65	Prov 1	🖵 Jer 47-52	L uke 7-8
23	Gal 4-6	Ex 37-40	🖵 1Ki 5-9	D Ps 66-68	Prov 2-3	Lamentations	Luke 9-10
24	General Eph 1-3	Lev 1-3	🖵 1Ki 10-13	D Ps 69-71	Prov 4	Ezek 1-6	Luke 11-12
25	Eph 4-6	Lev 4-6	🖵 1Ki 14-18	D Ps 72-74	Prov 5-6	Ezek 7-12	Luke 13-14
26	Phil 1-2	Lev 7-9	🖵 1Ki 19-22	Des 75-77	Prov 7	Ezek 13-18	Luke 15-16
27	Dephil 3-4	Lev 10-12	🖵 2Ki 1-5	Drs 78-80	Derov 8-9	Ezek 19-24	Luke 17-18
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