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NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY SERIES

2 PETER

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Dear Saints in Christ Jesus,

These notes were taken from our Old and New Testament Bible surveys at Koinonia on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The intention was to give an overview of the entire Bible and see how the two testaments "connect." Within the notes, practical truths were brought out because we know that the study of Scripture without application is like a vehicle without gas ... going nowhere.

If the Holy Spirit can use these simple truths to draw you closer to Jesus Christ and develop a more mature love of God the Father, then it will have accomplished its task.

May the blessing of God be shed upon you as you receive, with meekness, His engrafted Word.

Selah,

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Chapter 1

- 1:1** Note the order of Peter's ministry - "**bondservant**" then "**apostle**". The Greek word for "**bondservant**", "doulos" (which comes from a primary verb, "to bind"), means:
1. a slave, bondman, a man of servile condition -
 - a. a slave has no legal or personal rights;
 - b. one who gives himself up to another's will; those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among men;
 - c. devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests;
 2. a servant, attendant.
- The Greek for "**apostle**", "apostolos" (from 2 words meaning, "to set apart" or "to send out"), means:
1. a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders;
 2. specifically applied to the twelve Apostles of Christ, as ambassadors of the Gospel;
 3. in a broader sense, applied to other eminent Christian teachers, such as Barnabas (**Acts 14:14**).

No matter what our ministry gift (**Eph 4:11**), our first calling in that gift is to be a servant.

John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him will My Father honor.

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

Peter writes that our "**faith**" is "**precious**" and "**by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ**". Man is unrighteous because of his fallen human nature, and nothing that we do can make us righteous. There is only one righteousness that is acceptable to God and that is the one that He provides through Jesus.

Phil 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God - and righteousness and sanctification and redemption
See also **Rom 1:16,17, 3:21-26**.

- 1:2** "**Grace and peace**" come through "**the knowledge of the God**". The word "**knowledge**" means: to become thoroughly acquainted with,

to know thoroughly, to know accurately, to know well.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they might know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

1:3 The more we know God, the more we experience **“His divine power”** in our lives. This power enables us to live a **“life”** of **“godliness”** and to resist the weaknesses of our flesh. **“Virtue”** also means “purity.” God doesn’t want us to ever make a truce with our flesh in the areas that give us the most trouble. Instead, as we grow in our knowledge of Him, He cleans out those areas.

John 15:2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

:3 You are already clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

1:4 This verse does not mean that we can become ‘little gods’. As we embrace God’s **“great and precious promises”**, we are conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Notice that **“lust”** corrupts, which is why our world is experiencing moral failure and decay like never before.

1:5 We hear so much about **“faith”** these days. Faith, however, is the just the beginning, or foundation. Note that faith must be built upon. Let’s look at some additions to faith.

“Virtue” -

1. a virtuous course of thought, feeling and action, moral goodness;
2. any particular moral excellence, as modesty, purity.

“Knowledge” -

1. to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel, to become known;
2. to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of;
3. Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and women;
4. to become acquainted with, to know.

1:6 **“Temperance”** (**“Self-control”**) - the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites .

“Patience” (**“Perseverance”**) -

1. steadfastness, constancy, endurance -
 - a. in the New Testament, the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings;
 - b. patiently, and steadfastly;
2. a patient, steadfast waiting for;
3. a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance.

“Godliness” -

1. reverence, respect;
2. piety towards God, godliness.

- 1:7** “**Brotherly kindness**” -
1. love of brothers and sisters, brotherly love;
 2. in the New Testament, the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren.
- “**Charity**” - agape “**love**” as found in **1 Corinthians 13**.
- 1:8-10** God wants our lives to be fruitful and productive. The person who is fruitful (**Gal 5:22-23**) has truly been converted, whereas the person who is unfruitful is still blinded (**2 Cor 4:4**). The good and honest hearts in the parable of the sower bring forth fruit 30, 60, 100% (**Mark 4:3,8,20**). We each need to make sure that we have not believed in vain (**1 Cor 15:2**). **1 John** was written that we might know where we stand with Jesus. Our confession must line up with our lifestyle.
- 1:11** Note that the “**Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**” is “**everlasting**”. Man is destined for eternity, and through God’s righteousness, everlasting life (**Rom 6:22**). The eternal destiny of each person depends upon his or her decision about the claims and work of Jesus Christ.
- John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- John 3:36** He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.
- John 4:14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.
- John 6:47** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.
- 1:12,13** Peter was diligent to remind the saints about the things concerning the eternal kingdom. See also **2 Peter 3:1**.
- 1:14** Peter knew that his physical body was only a “**tent**” - a temporary dwelling (**2 Cor 5:1-4**, **1 Cor 15:42-49**). Jesus had told him that he would be home shortly. Joshua (**Joshua 23:14**) and Paul (**2 Tim 4:6**) both knew when their ‘homecoming’ was imminent. Remember when Jesus told Peter about his death (**John 21:18,19**)?
- 1:16,17** Note the certainty of Peter’s words here. He was an actual eyewitness of Jesus’ life, the empty tomb, resurrection and ascension. Peter was just one of many “**eyewitnesses**” of Jesus’ life and resurrection. The reference to “**His majesty**” is interpreted by some as the time of Christ’s transfiguration (**Matt 17:1-5**); others see this as the time of His baptism

(**Matt 3:16,17**). On both of these occasions the Father speaks to the Son from glory, authentication of Jesus' deity and the Father's approval.

1:18 The "we" here is James and John (**Mark 9:2,7**).

1:19 Peter said the prophecies in the Old Testament were an even greater witness of Jesus Christ than his own eyewitness testimony. The Old Testament contains over 300 prophecies of the details of the birth, life, and death of the Messiah. Jesus perfectly fulfilled every one of those prophecies. Prophecy is like "a light that shines" in the darkness of history. That light focuses on Jesus Christ, "the morning star" in our hearts.

- God is light (**1 John 1:5**); His word is light (**Prov 6:23a, Psalm 119:105**). The world and its system is darkness. People today are either walking in the light or in the darkness (**John 8:12, Eph 5:8**).

1:20,21 The source of the inspiration of Scripture is the Holy Spirit (**2 Tim 3:16**). Likewise, "no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation". Extreme doctrinal positions oftentimes are the result of 'personal revelations'. We must be careful to never take Biblical texts out of their contextual setting to 'prove' our point (**2 Tim 2:15**).

Chapter 2

The Bible consistently warns us about false teachers, prophets and doctrines that are to be marked and avoided.

1. In His Olivet teaching, Jesus warned about false teachers, prophets, and false christis (**Matt 24:4,5,11,23,24**).
2. In his teaching given to the elders from Ephesus, Paul warned them about false teachers who would come "speaking perverse things" to create their own following (**Acts 20:16,17,29,30**).
3. Paul wrote that in the end times there will be those who follow "seductive teachings and doctrines of devils" (**1 Tim 4:1**).
4. John exhorted believers to "test the spirits" because there are "many false prophets" in the world (**1 John 4:1**).
5. Paul identified the Judaizers as "false brethren" and "false apostles" (**Gal 2:4, 2 Cor 11:13**).

Peter joins these messengers of truth with the same warning in this chapter. The warning is as vital today as it was back then. The Church needs to be like the Bereans (**Acts 17:10,11**).

2:1 Note that these false teachers will be "among you". They will claim to be Christians, but they will "secretly bring in damnable heresies". Now, what exactly is a heresy that will damn someone? First of all, it will be one that flat out denies the revelation of Scripture regarding the

Person and atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. False teachers will deny that Jesus Christ is God (**John 1:1,14, 1 Tim 3:16**). They will deny that His atonement alone, apart from any other work, is the basis for man's salvation (**1Cor 15:1-4, Gal 2:16, Eph 2:8-9**). Secondly, this denial will be taught in a way that abuses the true understanding of the grace of God (**Jude 4, Titus 1:16, Rom 6:1,2**).

- Every cult or man-made religious system is in error because it embraces one or both of these forms of heresy. Note carefully, they **"bring upon themselves swift destruction."** When a person rejects Biblical truth, they will inevitably believe a lie (**2 Thess 2:10-12**).

2:2 False teachings and false teachers will be very popular. Their followers will have itching ears, and they will teach them things that will suit their own fallen desires or egos (**2 Tim 4:3-4**). Of course we know that even the True **"way of truth"** is spoken of as evil today as it was back then (**John 15:18-20, Isaiah 5:20**). However, these individuals will proclaim a gospel that feeds sensuality, the pride of man ('you will become gods'), etc. There will also be the prostituting of the name of Jesus for financial gains and the building up of personal empires (**Phil 1:16**).

2:3 Note that the bait that is used to 'hook' people is **"covetousness"** and **"deceptive words"**. False teachers will use Biblical words, but not Biblical definitions. They will refer to the Christ in the Bible, but they will not be telling you about the Christ of the Bible. Their 'good news' is not the good news of the Scriptures (**Gal 1:6-9**).

- Saints, get in the holy habit of checking out every thing that you hear against the Word of God, and if this is your home church, then you begin by checking out what I preach and teach!!!

The judgment of these men will be swift and inevitable.

2:4-6 The Holy Spirit records three examples of judgment stemming from the rejection of the truth: the rebellious angels, the people in the days of Noah, and the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. As far as the angels were concerned, they followed the pride of the devil (**Isaiah 14:12-14**) and refused to worship the true and living God. Concerning those of Noah's day, for 120 years (**Gen 6:3**) they refused to heed the warning of judgment, for Noah preached their need for God's righteousness. Sodom and Gomorrah are 'famous' for 'liberating the Gay community' (**Jude 7**), as well as embracing a very cushy, arrogant lifestyle (**Ezek 16:49,50**).

Please do not miss something else referred to in these passages. In the days of Noah, 8 souls were sealed and protected while going through the judgment. This represents the 144,000 in **Revelation 7:4**. In the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, judgment could not take place until Lot was removed from the area (**Gen 19:15-17,22**). This typifies the Church, which

will be raptured before the judgment of God is poured out during the tribulation period (**1 Thess 1:10, 5:9**).

2:7-8 Lot was delivered because he was **“righteous” (“just”)**, not because he deserved it or was sinlessly perfect. The immorality around him vexed Lot. How do you think he would react to today’s ‘entertainment’? Again, righteous Lot had to be removed before judgment came (**Gen 18:23-32**).

2:9 Deliverance for the godly, destruction for the ungodly is certain.

We now have listed before us some of the characteristics of the false teachers. Sadly, they also become the characteristics of their followers.

2:10 They **“walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness”**. They are morally fruitless. They follow every carnal whim. They **“despise authority.”** They are ‘loose canons,’ believing they don’t need to submit to anyone. There are not only those who abuse God-given authority; there are also those who reject God-given authority. (**3 John 9**) **“They are presumptuous”**. They are daring, fearless. They obviously live without the fear of the Lord. They blatantly abuse the grace of God and presume upon that grace as an excuse to indulge in their flesh. They are **“self-willed”**. “Self-willed” means self-pleasing, dominated by self interest and inconsiderate of others. It is the opposite of charity! **“They are not afraid to speak evil of dignities,”** or powers, whether they are earthly or spiritual.

2:11 **Jude 8** Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignities.
9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

2:12 They are **“like natural brute beasts”**. They are unregenerate despite their claim to having ‘new revelations’. They are unregenerate in their “obvious abuse of grace and lack of holiness. They **“will perish in their own corruption”**. Self destruction is the result of the 2-fold denial stated in **verse one**.

2:13 The Lord will give them the wages for their ungodly deeds. Peter continues with more descriptive words. **“They are spots”**. They are morally blemished. They put a sensual ‘spin’ on things. They take pleasure in **“reveling (carousing) in their own deceptions”**. Tragically, the only ones that they are fooling are themselves, and any other persons that they can convince that they are ‘correct’.

2:14-16 They have “**eyes full of adultery**”. They are, whether male or female, predators in the pews. Beware of this type of ‘saint’. They know how to pull the emotional chains, and can speak fluent ‘Christianeze’, but when you pull away the mask of skin-deep religion, they are 2-legged wolves. They have hearts that have been “**trained in covetous practices**”. This is a direct indictment upon those who use the gospel for their own means, just like Balaam did (**Numbers 22:5-40**). The early church was infested with these men. In fact, there is a book called *The Diache*, in which is written that if someone came into the church as a prophet or teacher and asked for money or for a table to be spread before them, they were a false representative of Jesus Christ.
Balaam was more stubborn than the donkey that rebuked him!

2:17 They are “**wells without water**” and threatening “**clouds**”. In other words, they aren’t what they appear to be.

2:18 They are great with words, but sadly, they are “**words of emptiness**” and not words of life (**John 6:63**).

They “**allure through the lusts of the flesh**”. The messages of ‘health and wealth,’ ‘You are a little god’, ‘You can be saved by grace and live like a devil’, are all appeals to fleshly lusts.

- Take close note of the fact that these false teachers prey upon those who have heard the word of truth. In the parable of the sower, Jesus said that Satan comes immediately to steal the good seed that was sown (**Mark 4:15**). Saints, stay in The Word and only use any other books or reference material carefully and certainly prayerfully!

2:19 Only the true gospel of Jesus Christ will set you free (**John 8:31,32**). You are either a slave of sin or a servant of righteousness (**Rom 6:11-22**). Sin brings bondage; legalism brings bondage; cults bring bondage. The gospel sets you free from the penalty of sin, the slavery to sin and, ultimately, even the presence of sin.

2:20-22 Notice that these false teachers and their followers had very orthodox beginnings. They were exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ. They even had some form of change due to their agreement with the gospel, but they were not regenerated. The devil’s lie, instigated in **Genesis 3:5**, is that mankind would become gods; but the truth of the matter is, as we look at our world today, that we become beasts of the worst kind (**Rom 1:25-31**). This chapter warns us about wolves in sheep’s clothing (**Matt 7:15**), angels of light (**2 Cor 11:13,14**), deceivers (**Titus 1:10-11**).

May the Lord Jesus grant to each of us the discerning spirit that we so desperately need in these last days! Make your calling and election sure, as Peter urged (**2 Peter 1:10**).

Chapter 3

Peter concludes his last letter to the church with warnings about the last days scoffers, exhortations to living holy, and the appeal to draw near to Jesus Christ and His tremendous grace.

- 3:1** We all need to stir up our hearts and minds in the things of the Lord. **2 Tim 1:6** exhorts each of us to “stir up” the gift(s) that God has given to us.
- The word ‘stir’ means: ‘to wake fully, arise, awake, raise’.
- 3:2** Peter reminds the Church to be “**mindful of the words**” of the Old Testament prophets and “**the commandment**” of the Lord through His apostles.
- 3:3** Peter records the warning about last days attitudes towards the teachings of the Bible.
To begin with, we need to establish the fact that according to the Bible, we are indeed in the last days. Pentecost was evidence that we are in the last days (**Acts 2:17**). **2 Tim 3:1-5** tells us about the moral climate that will exist on the earth in the last days. (Recognize any of this list today?) Remember too that it will be like the days of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah (**Luke 17:26-30**).
Hebrews 1:2 tells us that “in these last days” God has spoken to us through His Son Jesus. Church, we are nearly 2,000 years into “**the last days**”!
- A chief characteristic of the last days is that men will be “**scoffers**”. The word ‘scoffer’ means: ‘a false teacher, mocker’. They will deny the authenticity of Scripture. They will be very liberal.
1 Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.
1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
Jesus himself in the Olivet teaching warned three times about deceivers and imposters in the end days (**Matt 24:3-5,11**).
The deception is that they will parade as Christians (**2 Cor 11:13,14**)!!
- 3:4** I find it amazing when I read the two Biblical teachings that will be the most vehemently opposed in the last days: namely, the record of creation as found in **Genesis 1**, and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to judge the world (**Jude 14-15**). There are people today who tell us that Jesus is returning literally (which He is), but they deny that He created everything in six literal days. There are also those today who accept the Biblical

account of creation but deny our Lord's imminent and literal return to earth. As Jesus returned to heaven, He will return to this earth (**Acts 1:11**). But first He will come for His Church in the air (**1 Thess 4:15-17**), and then with His saints to the earth (**Rev 19:11-14**) at the end of Daniel's 70th week (**Dan 9:24-27**).

3:5-6 They will willingly deny the truth of the flood judgment.

3:7 Our present heavens and earth are groaning in anticipation of future deliverance (**Rom 8:19-22**). There is a fiery judgment to take place against ungodly men and nations. Judgment for man is inevitable (**Heb 9:27**). Seven times in the book of Revelation judgment is mentioned: **Rev 14:7, 15:4, 16:7, 17:1, 18:10, 19:2, and 20:4**. Additionally, the act of judging is spoken of eight times: **Rev 6:10, 11:18, 16:5, 18:8, 19:2,11, 20:12,13**. There are two locations of final judgment:

1. For the child of God, "the judgment seat ("bema") of Christ" - **Rom 14:10, 2 Cor 5:10**;
2. For the unrepentant, unregenerate person, "the great white throne" judgment - **Rev 20:11-15**.

3:8 Time as we know it is irrelevant with God because He dwells in the eternal now. So according to God's reckoning, since Jesus has left this earth there has only been the passing of two days. This is a very interesting point implied by the Holy Spirit in light of the prophecy in **Hosea 5:15-6:4**. This speaks of the unveiling of the partial blindness upon Ephraim and Judah, i.e. the nation of Israel, at the end of the great tribulation period! The Church is never called by the names of the tribes of Israel, although the saved Jews are addressed in this fashion because of their chosen position (**James 1:1**).

3:9 One reason why people at this time, approx. 66 A.D., were mocking the second coming of the Lord was because the early church, contrary to the modern critics, taught that Jesus could return at any moment, and here they were, 33 years after Jesus' ascension, and He still hadn't returned. They anticipated the imminent return of our Lord (**Rom 13:12, Heb 10:25, James 5:8, Rev 1:3**)!

The longsuffering of Jesus in delaying His return should not be misunderstood. It should not be taken as an endorsement of an unholy lifestyle (**Ecc 8:11**). One of the attributes of God is that He is longsuffering (**Num 14:18a**), for which we should be extremely grateful! Just like in the days of Noah when God gave humanity 120 years to repent (**Gen 6:3, 1 Peter 3:20**), today we are being given time to repent and believe in His

Son Jesus Christ. God's desire is salvation (**1 Tim 2:4**), not damnation (**Ezek 33:11**), and it is the goodness of God that leads a person to repentance (**Rom 2:4**).

3:10 Judgment is inevitable (**Hab 2:3**).

We see reference to “**the Day of the Lord**” twenty-five times in the Scriptures. The Day of the Lord is that period of time when God will openly intervene in the affairs of men, in both judgment and in blessing. It will begin with the translation (Rapture) of the Church (**Rev 4:1**) and will terminate with the cleansing of the heavens and the earth (**2 Peter 3:12**) preparatory to the creation of the new heavens and the new earth (**Rev 21:1**).

The order of events appears to be:

1. The Rapture of the Church just preceding the beginning of the Day of the Lord (**1 Thess 4:13-17**);
2. The fulfillment of Daniel's seventieth 'seven' (week) (**Dan 9:27**), the latter half of which is the “great tribulation” (**Matt 24:21**);
3. The return of the Lord in glory to establish the millennial Kingdom (**Matt 24:29,30**);
4. The destruction of the beast, false prophet, and their armies, which is the “great and terrible” (**Joel 2:31**) aspect of the Day (**Rev 19:11-21**);
5. The judgment of individual Gentiles according to their treatment of Christ's brethren, the Jewish people (**Matt 25:31-36,41-46**), and the judgment of Israel (**Ezek 20:34-38**);
6. The millennial reign of Christ on earth (**Rev 20:4-6**);
7. The Satanic revolt and its judgment (**Rev 20:7-10**);
8. The resurrection and final judgment of the wicked (**Rev 20:11-15**);
9. The destruction of the present earth and heaven by fire preparatory for the future “day of God” (**2 Peter 3:10-12**); and
10. The creation of the new heavens and the new earth (**Isaiah 65:17-19, 66:22, 2 Peter 3:13, Rev 21:1**).

See also **Zech 14:1-9**.

3:11,12 These verses reveal the correct response to this day that is approaching. Rather than having a careless, indifferent, lukewarm attitude, we are to be actively pursuing godliness and eagerly anticipating the return of our King. Note that these verses imply that by pursuing holiness and godliness, we will be “**hastening the coming of the day of the God**” !
Luke 12:35 Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning;
:36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.
:37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching.

Which of the ten virgins are you (**Matt 25:1-13**)?

- 3:13** Such a wonderful promise! All will be clean, new, and right!
Isaiah 65:17 For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
Rev 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.
- 3:14** We are exhorted to **“be diligent”**. The word means, “to use speed, i.e. to make effort, be prompt or earnest; — do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavor, labor, study”.
Are you dozing off spiritually? Are you drifting away from Christ (**Heb 2:1-3**)?
- 3:15,16** Again, notice the reference to the longsuffering of Christ for the purpose of salvation. Note too that Peter refers to Paul’s epistles as being part of, or on a par with **“the rest of the Scriptures.”**
- 3:17,18** A closing warning about falling from **“steadfastness”** and a closing exhortation to **“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”** Paul wrote 30 years after he met Jesus that his life’s desire was to know Him more.
Phil 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ...
:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
:11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
That is how we keep from falling.
- Saints, maintain that moment by moment intimacy with Jesus!
“To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

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