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Introduction

1 To whom justice God Jesus has faith our Simon servant of our own Peter a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ to those through the justice of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ, there has been granted faith equally privileged with our own Simon Peter a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ.

2 May peace be in you ever increasing measure of advance in knowledge and our Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord Jesus Christ, his divine power has everything needful for life, as in the knowledge of him who called a glorious manifestation of his goodness. For through this he gave what as of his promises, that you might participate in the divine nature, now that

you|strong="G3739" have|strong="G2532" fled|strong="H5127"
 from|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" corruption|strong="G5356"
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" world|strong="G2889",
 resulting|strong="H6884" from|strong="G2532" human|strong="H0120"
 passions|strong="G1939". ⁵ Yes|strong="G1161", and|strong="G2532"
 for|strong="G1161" this|strong="G3778" reason|strong="H6440"
 do|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" best|strong="H2459"
 to|strong="G2532" supplement your|strong="G2532"
 faith|strong="G4102" by|strong="G1722" goodness|strong="H2898",
 goodness|strong="H2898" by|strong="G1722"
 knowledge|strong="G1108", ⁶ knowledge|strong="G1108"
 by|strong="G1722" self-control|strong="G1466",
 self-control|strong="G1466" by|strong="G1722"
 endurance|strong="G5281", endurance|strong="G5281"
 by|strong="G1722" piety|strong="G2150", ⁷ piety|strong="G2150"
 by|strong="G1722" mutual affection|strong="H2836",
 and|strong="G1161" mutual affection|strong="H2836"
 by|strong="G1722" love|strong="G5360". ⁸ For|strong="G1063",
 when|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778" virtues are|strong="G3588"
 yours|strong="G4771", in|strong="G1519" increasing|strong="G4121"
 measure|strong="H4058", they|strong="G2532" prevent|strong="H6923"
 your|strong="G2962" being|strong="G5225" indifferent
 to|strong="G1519", or|strong="G2532" destitute|strong="H6199"
 of|strong="G2532", a|strong="G2532" fuller knowledge|strong="G1922"
 of|strong="G2532" our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962"
 Jesus|strong="G2424" Christ|strong="G5547". ⁹ Surely|strong="G3361"
 the|strong="G3588" person|strong="G3739" who|strong="G3739"
 has|strong="G3739" not|strong="G3361" these|strong="G3778" virtues
 is|strong="G1510" shortsighted even|strong="G1063" to|strong="G3361"
 blindness|strong="H5575", and|strong="G2983" has|strong="G3739"
 chosen|strong="H0977" to|strong="G3361" forget|strong="H7911"
 that|strong="G3739" they|strong="G3588" have|strong="G1510"
 been|strong="G1510" purified|strong="H2891" from|strong="G3588"
 their|strong="G3588" sins|strong="H2403" of|strong="G3588"
 the|strong="G3588" past|strong="G3819"! ¹⁰ Therefore|strong="G1352",
 friends|strong="H7453", do|strong="G4160" your|strong="G2532"
 best|strong="H2459" to|strong="G2532" put|strong="G4160"
 God's|strong="H0430" call|strong="G2532" and|strong="G2532" selection
 of|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" beyond|strong="H5676"
 all|strong="G2532" doubt|strong="G1063"; for|strong="G1063",
 if|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" do|strong="G4160"
 this|strong="G3778", you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2532"
 never|strong="G3756" fall|strong="G4417". ¹¹ For|strong="G1063"
 in|strong="G1519" this|strong="G3588" way|strong="G3779"
 you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532"
 given|strong="H5414" a|strong="G2532" triumphant|strong="H7311"

admission into|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532"
 eternal|strong = "H5769" kingdom|strong = "H4467" of|strong = "G2532"
 our|strong = "G2424" Lord|strong = "G2962" and|strong = "G2532"
 Saviour|strong = "G4990", Jesus|strong = "G2424" Christ|strong = "G5547".
 The|strong = "G2532" Transfiguration and|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" "Second|strong = "H8145" Coming|strong = "G1529"
 of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Christ|strong = "G5547"

12I|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G3195", therefore|strong = "G1352",
 always|strong = "H3605" be|strong = "G2532" ready|strong = "G3195"
 to|strong = "G2532" remind|strong = "G5279" you|strong = "G5210"
 of|strong = "G4012" all|strong = "G2532" this|strong = "G3778",
 even|strong = "G2532" though|strong = "G2539" you|strong = "G5210"
 know|strong = "G1492" it|strong = "G2532" and|strong = "G2532"
 are|strong = "G3588" firmly|strong = "H2388" established|strong = "G4741"
 in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" truth|strong = "H0571"
 that|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G5210" now|strong = "G2532"
 hold|strong = "H2388". ¹³ But|strong = "G1161" I|strong = "G1161"
 think|strong = "G2233" it|strong = "G1161" my|strong = "G1722"
 duty|strong = "H2992", as|strong = "G3745" long|strong = "G3745"
 as|strong = "G3745" I|strong = "G1161" live|strong = "H3427"
 in|strong = "G1722" this|strong = "G3778" "tent|strong = "H0168",
 to|strong = "G1909" rouse|strong = "H5782" you|strong = "G5210"
 by|strong = "G1722" awakening memories of|strong = "G1909"
 the|strong = "G1722" past|strong = "H5674"; ¹⁴ for|strong = "G3754"
 I|strong = "G1473" know|strong = "G1492" that|strong = "G3754"
 the|strong = "G2532" time|strong = "H6256" for|strong = "G3754"
 this|strong = "G3588" "tent|strong = "H0168" of|strong = "G2532"
 mine|strong = "G1473" to|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1510"
 put|strong = "G2532" away|strong = "H5493" is|strong = "G1510"
 soon|strong = "G5031" coming|strong = "H0935", as|strong = "G2531"
 our|strong = "G2424" Lord|strong = "G2962" Jesus|strong = "G2424"
 Christ|strong = "G5547" himself|strong = "H5315" assured|strong = "H0571"
 me|strong = "G1473". ¹⁵ So|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G2532"
 will|strong = "G2532" do|strong = "G4160" my|strong = "G1699"
 best|strong = "H2459" to|strong = "G2532" enable|strong = "H7980"
 you|strong = "G5210", at|strong = "G1161" any|strong = "G2192"
 time|strong = "G1539" after|strong = "G3326" my|strong = "G1699"
 departure|strong = "G1841", to|strong = "G2532" call|strong = "G2532"
 these|strong = "G3778" truths to|strong = "G2532" mind|strong = "G3420".
¹⁶ For|strong = "G1063" we|strong = "G2249" were|strong = "G3588"
 not|strong = "G3756" following|strong = "G1811" cleverly|strong = "G4679"
 devised|strong = "G4679" stories|strong = "H3330" when|strong = "G2532"
 we|strong = "G2249" told|strong = "H5046" you|strong = "G5210"
 of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" coming|strong = "G3952"

in|strong="G2532" power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G2532"
 our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962" Jesus|strong="G2424"
 Christ|strong="G5547", but|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249"
 had|strong="G2424" been|strong="G1096" eye-witnesses
 of|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2532" majesty|strong="G3168". ¹⁷
 For|strong="G1063" he|strong="G2532" received|strong="G2983"
 honour|strong="G5092" and|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391"
 from|strong="G3844" God|strong="G2316" the|strong="G2532"
 Father|strong="G3962", when|strong="G2532" from|strong="G3844"
 the|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391" of|strong="G5207"
 there|strong="G2532" Divine|strong="H7080" Majesty|strong="H1926"
 were|strong="G1510" borne|strong="H3205"
 to|strong="G1519" his|strong="G1519" ears|strong="H0241"
 words|strong="G2532" such|strong="G3778" as|strong="G1519"
 these|strong="G3778" – "This|strong="G3778" is|strong="G1510"
 my|strong="G1473" dearly|strong="H0157" loved|strong="H0157"
 son|strong="G5207", who|strong="G3739" brings|strong="G1510"
 me|strong="G1473" great|strong="G2532" joy|strong="H8057". ¹⁸
 These|strong="G3778" were|strong="G1510" the|strong="G1722"
 words|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3588" we|strong="G2249"
 heard|strong="H8085", borne|strong="H3205" to|strong="G2532"
 our|strong="G2532" ears|strong="H0241" from|strong="G1537"
 heaven|strong="G3772", when|strong="G2532" we|strong="G2249"
 were|strong="G1510" with|strong="G1722" him|strong="G3588"
 on|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3588" sacred|strong="H6944"
 mountain|strong="G3735". ¹⁹ And|strong="G2532" still|strong="G2193"
 stronger|strong="H2388" is|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1722"
 assurance|strong="H0539" that|strong="G3739" we|strong="G3739"
 have|strong="G2192" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 teaching|strong="G3056" of|strong="G3056" the|strong="G1722"
 prophets|strong="G4397"; to|strong="G2532" which|strong="G3739"
 you|strong="G5210" will|strong="G2532" do|strong="G4160"
 well|strong="G2573" to|strong="G2532" pay|strong="G4337"
 attention|strong="G4337" (as|strong="G5613" if|strong="G5613"
 it|strong="G2532" were|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2192"
 lamp|strong="G3088" shining|strong="G5316" in|strong="G1722"
 a|strong="G2192" gloomy|strong="H6205" place|strong="G5117"),
 until|strong="G2193" the|strong="G1722" day|strong="G2250"
 dawns|strong="G1306" and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722"
 morning|strong="G2250" star|strong="G5459" rises|strong="H6965"
 in|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2192" hearts|strong="G2588". ²⁰
 But|strong="G3778" first|strong="G4413" be|strong="G1096"
 assured|strong="H0571" of|strong="G3956" this|strong="G3778":
 There|strong="G3754" is|strong="G3778" no|strong="G3756"
 prophetic|strong="G4394" teaching|strong="H8451"
 found|strong="G1096" in|strong="G3956" scripture|strong="G1124"

that|strong="G3754" can|strong="H4310" be|strong="G1096"
 interpreted|strong="H6622" by|strong="G1097" a|strong="G1096"
 person's|strong="H3820" unaided reason|strong="H6440"; ²¹
 for|strong="G1063" no|strong="G3756" prophetic|strong="G4394"
 teaching|strong="G2980" ever|strong="G4218" came|strong="G5342"
 in|strong="G2316" the|strong="G1063" old|strong="H1121"
 days|strong="H3117" at|strong="G3756" the|strong="G1063"
 mere|strong="H1892" wish|strong="H2896" of|strong="G5259"
 people|strong="H5971", but|strong="G1063" people|strong="H5971",
 moved|strong="G5342" by|strong="G5259" the|strong="G1063"
 Holy|strong="G4151" Spirit|strong="G4151", spoke|strong="G2980"
 direct|strong="H3559" from|strong="G5259" God|strong="G2316".
 Warning against separating Christianity from a Holy Life

2But|strong="G1161" there|strong="G2532" were|strong="G1510"
 false|strong="G5578" prophets|strong="G5578" also|strong="G2532"
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" nation|strong="H1471",
 just|strong="G5613" as|strong="G5613" there|strong="G2532"
 will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1096" false|strong="G5578"
 teachers|strong="G5572" among|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210",
 people|strong="G2992" who|strong="G3588" will|strong="G1510"
 secretly|strong="G3919" introduce|strong="G3919"
 ruinous|strong="H5327" divisions|strong="H4256", disowning
 even|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" Lord|strong="G1203"
 who|strong="G3588" bought|strong="H7069" them|strong="G3588",
 and|strong="G2532" bringing|strong="G1863" speedy|strong="H2363"
 ruin|strong="H2723" on|strong="G1722" themselves|strong="G1438". ²
 There|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532"
 many|strong="G4183", too|strong="G2532", who|strong="G3739"
 will|strong="G2532" follow|strong="G1811" their|strong="G2532"
 licentious courses|strong="H4256", and|strong="G2532"
 cause|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532" way|strong="G3598"
 of|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532" truth|strong="H0571"
 to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" maligned. ³ In|strong="G1722"
 their|strong="G2532" covetousness|strong="G4124" they|strong="G2532"
 will|strong="G2532" try|strong="H0974" to|strong="G2532"
 make|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210" a|strong="G2532"
 source|strong="H4725" of|strong="G3056" profit|strong="H3276"
 by|strong="G1722" their|strong="G2532" fabrications;
 but|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2532"
 long|strong="G1597" time|strong="G1597" past|strong="H5674"
 their|strong="G2532" sentence|strong="G2917" has|strong="G3739"
 not|strong="G3756" been|strong="G2532" standing|strong="H5975"
 idle|strong="H7503", nor|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532"
 ruin|strong="H2723" slumbering. ⁴ Remember|strong="H2142",

God|strong="G2316" did|strong="G2316" not|strong="G3756"
 spare|strong="G5339" angels|strong="H4397" when|strong="G3588"
 they|strong="G3588" sinned|strong="H2398", but|strong="G1487"
 sent|strong="G2316" them|strong="G3588" down|strong="G3860"
 to|strong="G1519" Tartarus, and|strong="G2316" consigned
 them|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1519" caverns|strong="H5366"
 of|strong="G2316" darkness|strong="G2217", to|strong="G1519"
 be|strong="G3756" kept|strong="G5083" under|strong="G3756"
 guard|strong="G5083" for|strong="G1063" judgment|strong="G2920". ⁵
 Nor|strong="G2532" did|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"
 spare|strong="G5339" the|strong="G2532" world|strong="G2889"
 of|strong="G2532" old|strong="G2532"; though|strong="G2532"
 he|strong="G2532" preserved|strong="G5442" Noah|strong="G3575",
 the|strong="G2532" preacher|strong="G2783" of|strong="G2532"
 righteousness|strong="G1343", and|strong="G2532"
 seven|strong="G3590" others|strong="G3590", when|strong="G2532"
 he|strong="G2532" brought|strong="G1863" a|strong="G2532"
 flood|strong="G2627" on|strong="G3756" the|strong="G2532"
 godless|strong="H2611" world|strong="G2889". ⁶ He|strong="G2532"
 condemned|strong="G2632" the|strong="G2532" cities|strong="G4172"
 of|strong="G2532" Sodom|strong="G4670" and|strong="G2532"
 Gomorrah|strong="G1116" and|strong="G2532" reduced|strong="H7739"
 them|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" ashes|strong="G5077",
 holding|strong="H2388" them|strong="G2532" up|strong="G2532"
 as|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" warning|strong="H2094"
 to|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" godless|strong="H2611"
 of|strong="G2532" what|strong="G2532" was|strong="G2532"
 in|strong="G2532" store|strong="H4543" for|strong="G2532"
 them|strong="G2532"; ⁷ but|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532"
 rescued|strong="G4506" righteous|strong="G1342" Lot|strong="G3091",
 whose|strong="G3588" heart|strong="H3820" was|strong="G3588"
 vexed|strong="G2669" by|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 wanton|strong="H8265" licentiousness of|strong="G5259"
 his|strong="G1722" neighbours|strong="H7934"; ⁸ for|strong="G1063",
 seeing|strong="H7200" and|strong="G2532" hearing|strong="H0241"
 what|strong="G3588" he|strong="G2532" did|strong="G2532",
 as|strong="G1722" he|strong="G2532" lived|strong="G2532"
 his|strong="G1722" righteous|strong="G1342" life|strong="G5590"
 among|strong="G1722" them|strong="G3588", day|strong="G2250"
 after|strong="G2532" day|strong="G2250", Lot's|strong="H3876"
 righteous|strong="G1342" soul|strong="G5590" was|strong="G3588"
 tortured by|strong="G1722" their|strong="G2532"
 wicked|strong="G3588" doings|strong="H4611". ⁹ The|strong="G1519"
 Lord|strong="G2962", therefore|strong="G1161", knows|strong="G1492"
 how|strong="G1492" to|strong="G1519" deliver|strong="G4506"
 the|strong="G1519" pious from|strong="G1537"

temptation|strong="G3986", and|strong="G1161" to|strong="G1519"
 keep|strong="G5083" the|strong="G1519" wicked|strong="H7563",
 who|strong="H0834" are|strong="G2250" even|strong="G1161"
 now|strong="G1161" suffering|strong="H6040"
 punishment|strong="G2849", in|strong="G1519"
 readiness|strong="H6261" for|strong="G1519" "the|strong="G1519"
 day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G1537" judgment|strong="G2920" – ¹⁰
 especially|strong="G3122" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588",
 following|strong="G4198" the|strong="G1722" promptings
 of|strong="G2532" their|strong="G2532" lower|strong="H8481" nature,
 indulge|strong="G4198" their|strong="G2532" polluting|strong="H2490"
 passions|strong="G1939" and|strong="G2532" despise|strong="G2706"
 all|strong="G2532" control|strong="H3027". Audacious
 and|strong="G2532" self-willed, they|strong="G2532"
 feel|strong="H4184" no|strong="G3756" awe|strong="H1481"
 of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" celestial beings|strong="H2421",
 maligning them|strong="G3588", ¹¹ even|strong="G2532"
 where|strong="G3699" angels|strong="H4397", though|strong="G2532"
 excelling them|strong="G5342" in|strong="G2596"
 strength|strong="G2479" and|strong="G2532" power|strong="G1411",
 do|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756" bring|strong="G5342"
 against|strong="G2596" them|strong="G5342" a|strong="G2532"
 malignant|strong="H3992" charge|strong="H4931"
 before|strong="G3844" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962". ¹²
 These|strong="G3778" people|strong="G3588", however|strong="G1161",
 like|strong="G5613" animals|strong="G2226" without|strong="G2532"
 reason|strong="H6440", intended|strong="H1819" by|strong="G1722"
 nature to|strong="G1519" be|strong="G2532" caught|strong="H3920"
 and|strong="G2532" killed|strong="G5356" – these|strong="G3778"
 people|strong="G3588", I|strong="G3739" say|strong="G2532", malign
 those|strong="G3588" of|strong="G2532" whom|strong="G3739"
 they|strong="G2532" know|strong="G1722" nothing|strong="H3808",
 and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532" assuredly|strong="H3045"
 perish|strong="G5356" through|strong="G1722" their|strong="G2532"
 own|strong="H1961" corruption|strong="G5356", ¹³
 suffering|strong="G1722" themselves|strong="G1792", as|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" penalty|strong="H1780" for|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" suffering|strong="G1722" that|strong="G3588"
 they|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" inflicted|strong="H5221".
 They|strong="G2532" think|strong="G2233" that|strong="G3588"
 pleasure|strong="G2237" consists|strong="H1961" in|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" self-indulgence of|strong="G2250"
 the|strong="G1722" moment|strong="H7281". They|strong="G2532"
 are|strong="G3588" a|strong="G2532" stain|strong="H1351"
 and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" disgrace|strong="H3639",
 indulging|strong="G1792", as|strong="G1722" they|strong="G2532"

do|strong="G2532", in|strong="G1722" their|strong="G2532"
 wanton|strong="H8265" revelry, even|strong="G2532"
 while|strong="G1722" joining|strong="H1695" you|strong="G5210"
 at|strong="G1722" your|strong="G2532" feasts|strong="H4150". ¹⁴
 They|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2192" eyes|strong="G3788"
 only|strong="G2532" for|strong="G2532" adulteresses|strong="G3428",
 eyes|strong="G3788" never|strong="H3808" tired|strong="H3021"
 of|strong="G2532" sin|strong="H2403"; they|strong="G2532"
 entice|strong="G1185" weak|strong="H2470" souls|strong="G5590";
 their|strong="G2532" minds|strong="G2588" are|strong="G2532"
 trained|strong="G1128" to|strong="G2532" covet|strong="H2530";
 they|strong="G2532" live|strong="G2532" under|strong="G2192"
 a|strong="G2192" curse|strong="G2671". ¹⁵ Leaving|strong="G2641"
 the|strong="G3588" straight|strong="G2117" road|strong="G3598",
 they|strong="G3588" have|strong="G3588" gone|strong="G4105"
 astray|strong="G4105" and|strong="G3588" followed|strong="G1811"
 in|strong="G3408" the|strong="G3588" steps|strong="H4609"
 of|strong="G3598" Balaam|strong="H1109", the|strong="G3588"
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="G3598" Beor|strong="H1160",
 who|strong="G3739" set|strong="H7760" his|strong="G3739"
 heart|strong="H3820" on|strong="G3588" the|strong="G3588"
 reward|strong="G3408" for|strong="G2641" wrongdoing|strong="H5766",
¹⁶ but|strong="G1161" was|strong="G3588" rebuked|strong="G1649"
 for|strong="G1161" his|strong="G1722" offence|strong="H4383".
 A|strong="G2192" dumb|strong="H0481" animal|strong="H0929"
 spoke|strong="H1696" with|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2192"
 human|strong="H0120" voice|strong="G5456", and|strong="G1161"
 checked|strong="H6113" the|strong="G1722" prophet's|strong="G4396"
 madness|strong="G3913". ¹⁷ These|strong="G3778"
 people|strong="G1510" are|strong="G1510" like|strong="H3644"
 springs|strong="G4077" without|strong="G2532" water|strong="H4325",
 or|strong="G2532" mists driven|strong="G1643" before|strong="G3588"
 a|strong="G2532" gale|strong="G2978"; and|strong="G2532"
 for|strong="G2532" them|strong="G3588" the|strong="G2532" blackest
 darkness|strong="G4655" has|strong="G3739" been|strong="G1510"
 reserved|strong="G5083". ¹⁸ With|strong="G1722"
 boastful|strong="H1984" and|strong="G4561" foolish|strong="H3684"
 talk|strong="H1696", they|strong="G3588" appeal|strong="H6817"
 to|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" passions|strong="G1939"
 of|strong="G1722" people's|strong="H5971" lower|strong="H8481"
 nature, and|strong="G4561", by|strong="G1722" their|strong="G1722"
 profligacy, entice|strong="G1185" those|strong="G3588"
 who|strong="G3588" are|strong="G3588" just|strong="G3588"
 escaping|strong="H6413" from|strong="G3588" the|strong="G1722"
 people|strong="G4561" who|strong="G3588" live|strong="H3427"
 such|strong="G3588" misguided lives|strong="H5315". ¹⁹

They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves to corrupt habits; for a person slave of anything they give away. ²⁰ If, after having escaped, the polluting influences of the world, through knowing and our Lord Christ again, entangled them, and give way to them, their last state has become worse than their first. ²¹ It would, indeed, have been better for them not to have known the righteous way, than, after knowing it, to turn away from the holy command delivered to them. ²² In their case, the truth of the proverb – “A dog returns to what he vomited” and “A sow after washing her in the mud”.

A Reassertion of the “Second Coming” of the Christ

³This, dear friends, is my second

letter|strong = "G1992" to|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G5210".
 In|strong = "G1722" both|strong = "G3588" of|strong = "G1722"
 them|strong = "G3588" I|strong = "G3739" have|strong = "G5210"
 tried|strong = "H6884", by|strong = "G1722" appealing to|strong = "G1722"
 your|strong = "G1722" remembrance|strong = "G5280", to|strong = "G1722"
 arouse|strong = "H5782" your|strong = "G1722" better|strong = "H2896"
 feelings|strong = "H3629". ² I|strong = "G2532" want|strong = "H4270"
 you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G2532" recall|strong = "G3403"
 what|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G3588" foretold by|strong = "G5259"
 the|strong = "G2532" holy|strong = "H6944" prophets|strong = "G4396",
 as|strong = "G2532" well|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" command|strong = "G1785" of|strong = "G5259"
 our|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962" and|strong = "G2532"
 Saviour|strong = "G4990" given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "G2532"
 you|strong = "G5210" through|strong = "G5210" your|strong = "G2962"
 apostles. ³ First|strong = "G4413" be|strong = "G3588"
 assured|strong = "H0571" of|strong = "G2250" this|strong = "G3778",
 that|strong = "G3754", as|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"
 age|strong = "H3117" draws|strong = "H7138" to|strong = "G2596"
 an|strong = "G1722" end|strong = "G2078", scoffers|strong = "G1703",
 led|strong = "H1980" by|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G2596"
 own|strong = "G2398" passions|strong = "G1939", ⁴ will|strong = "G1510"
 come|strong = "G1510" and|strong = "G2532" ask|strong = "G3004" scoffingly
 – "Where|strong = "G4226" is|strong = "G1510" his|strong = "G3956"
 promised|strong = "G1860" coming|strong = "G3952"? Ever|strong = "H5769"
 since|strong = "G1063" our|strong = "G2532" ancestors|strong = "G3962"
 passed|strong = "G3779" to|strong = "G2532" their|strong = "G2532"
 rest|strong = "G1510", everything|strong = "G3956"
 remains|strong = "H7604" just|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2532"
 it|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G1510" when|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G2532" world|strong = "H8398" was|strong = "G1510"
 first|strong = "G3588" created|strong = "G2937"! "⁵ For|strong = "G1063"
 they|strong = "G2532" wilfully shut|strong = "H5462" their|strong = "G1438"
 eyes|strong = "H5869" to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 fact|strong = "G3754" that|strong = "G3754" long|strong = "G1597"
 ago|strong = "G1597" the|strong = "G2532" heavens|strong = "G3772"
 existed|strong = "G1510"; and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"
 earth|strong = "G1093", also|strong = "G2532" – formed|strong = "G4921"
 out|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" water|strong = "G5204"
 and|strong = "G2532" by|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G2532"
 action|strong = "H6213" of|strong = "G1537" water|strong = "G5204",
 by|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G2532" fiat of|strong = "G1537"
 God|strong = "G2316"; ⁶ and|strong = "G5204" that|strong = "G3739"
 by|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1223" same|strong = "G3739"
 means|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1223" world|strong = "G2889"
 which|strong = "G3739" then|strong = "G5119" existed|strong = "H1961"

was|strong = "G3588" destroyed|strong = "H4229" in|strong = "G1223" a|strong = "G3739" deluge of|strong = "G1223" water|strong = "G5204". ⁷
 But|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G2532" present|strong = "G3568" heavens|strong = "G3772" and|strong = "G2532" earth|strong = "G1093", by|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" same|strong = "G2532" fiat, have|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G1510" reserved|strong = "G5083" for|strong = "G1519" fire|strong = "G4442", and|strong = "G2532" are|strong = "G1510" being|strong = "G1510" kept|strong = "G5083" for|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" day|strong = "G2250" of|strong = "G3056" the|strong = "G2532" judgment|strong = "G2920" and|strong = "G2532" destruction|strong = "H7667" of|strong = "G3056" the|strong = "G2532" godless|strong = "H2611".

8But|strong = "G1161" you|strong = "G5210", dear|strong = "H3357" friends|strong = "G3844", must|strong = "G1520" never|strong = "G3361" shut|strong = "H5462" your|strong = "G2962" eyes|strong = "H5869" to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" fact|strong = "G3754" that|strong = "G3754", to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962", one|strong = "G1520" day|strong = "G2250" is|strong = "G3778" the|strong = "G2532" same|strong = "G3778" as|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613" thousand|strong = "G5507" years|strong = "G2094", and|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G5613" thousand|strong = "G5507" years|strong = "G2094" as|strong = "G5613" one|strong = "G1520" day|strong = "G2250". ⁹ The|strong = "G1519" Lord|strong = "G2962" is|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3756" slow|strong = "G1019" to|strong = "G1519" fulfil|strong = "H4390" his|strong = "G3956" promise|strong = "G1860", as|strong = "G5613" some|strong = "G5100" count|strong = "G2233" slowness|strong = "G1022"; but|strong = "G3361" he|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G3588" forbearing|strong = "H0639" with|strong = "G1223" you|strong = "G5210", as|strong = "G5613" it|strong = "G2233" is|strong = "G3588" not|strong = "G3756" his|strong = "G3956" will|strong = "G1014" that|strong = "G3588" any|strong = "G5100" of|strong = "G1223" you|strong = "G5210" should|strong = "G5100" perish|strong = "H0006", but|strong = "G3361" that|strong = "G3588" all|strong = "G3956" should|strong = "G5100" be|strong = "G3756" brought|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519" repentance|strong = "G3341". ¹⁰ The|strong = "G1722" day|strong = "G2250" of|strong = "G2250" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962" will|strong = "G2532" come|strong = "G2240" like|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613" thief|strong = "G2812"; and|strong = "G2532" on|strong = "G1722" that|strong = "G3739" day|strong = "G2250" the|strong = "G1722" heavens|strong = "G3772" will|strong = "G2532" pass|strong = "G3928" away|strong = "G3928" with|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G5613" crash|strong = "H7667", the|strong = "G1722" elements|strong = "G4747" will|strong = "G2532"

be|strong="G2532" burnt|strong="G2532" up|strong="G2618"
 and|strong="G2532" dissolved|strong="G3089", and|strong="G2532"
 the|strong="G1722" earth|strong="G1093" and|strong="G2532"
 all|strong="G2532" that|strong="G3739" is|strong="G3588"
 in|strong="G1722" it|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532"
 be|strong="G2532" disclosed|strong="H5046". ¹¹ Now|strong="G2532",
 since|strong="H3588" all|strong="G3956" these|strong="G3778"
 things|strong="G3956" are|strong="G3956" in|strong="G1722"
 the|strong="G1722" process|strong="H1992" of|strong="G2532"
 dissolution, think|strong="H2803" what|strong="G4217"
 you|strong="G5210" yourselves|strong="G4771" ought|strong="G1163"
 to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" – what|strong="G4217"
 holy|strong="H6944" and|strong="G2532" pious lives|strong="H5315"
 you|strong="G5210" ought|strong="G1163" to|strong="G2532"
 lead|strong="G2532", ¹² while|strong="G2250" you|strong="G3739"
 wait|strong="H0693" for|strong="G1223" the|strong="G2532"
 coming|strong="G3952" of|strong="G2250" the|strong="G2532"
 day|strong="G2250" of|strong="G2250" God|strong="G2316"
 and|strong="G2532" strive|strong="H7378" to|strong="G2532"
 make|strong="G2532" it|strong="G2532" come|strong="G2532"
 soon|strong="H3512" ¹. At|strong="G1223" its|strong="G1223"
 coming|strong="G3952" the|strong="G2532" heavens|strong="G3772"
 will|strong="G2316" be|strong="G2532" dissolved|strong="G3089"
 in|strong="G2532" fire|strong="G4448", and|strong="G2532"
 the|strong="G2532" elements|strong="G4747" melted|strong="H4549"
 by|strong="G1223" heat|strong="G2741", ¹³ but|strong="G1161"
 we|strong="G3739" look|strong="G4328" for|strong="G1161"
 new|strong="G2537" heavens|strong="G3772" and|strong="G2532"
 a|strong="G2532" new|strong="G2537" earth|strong="G1093",
 where|strong="G3739" righteousness|strong="G1343"
 will|strong="G2532" have|strong="G2532" its|strong="H3605"
 home|strong="H1004", in|strong="G1722" fulfilment of|strong="G2532"
 the|strong="G1722" promise|strong="G1862" of|strong="G2532"
 God|strong="G2532".

¹⁴Therefore|strong="G1352", dear|strong="H3357"
 friends|strong="H7453", in|strong="G1722" expectation|strong="G4328"
 of|strong="G2532" these|strong="G3778" things|strong="G3778",
 make|strong="G4704" every|strong="G1722" effort|strong="G4704"
 to|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" found|strong="G2147"
 by|strong="G1722" him|strong="G2532" spotless,
 blameless|strong="H8549", and|strong="G2532" at|strong="G1722"
 peace|strong="G1515". ¹⁵ Regard|strong="G2233" our|strong="G2532"
 Lord's|strong="G2962" forbearance|strong="H0753" as|strong="G2531"

¹ + 3.12 Or: and desire its coming.

your|strong="G2962" one|strong="G3588" hope|strong="G2532"
 of|strong="G2532" salvation|strong="G4991". This|strong="G3588"
 is|strong="G3588" what|strong="G3588" our|strong="G2532"
 dear|strong="H3357" friend|strong="H7453" Paul|strong="G3972"
 wrote|strong="G1125" to|strong="G2532" you|strong="G5210",
 with|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" wisdom|strong="G4678"
 that|strong="G3588" God|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G1325"
 him|strong="G3588". ¹⁶ It|strong="G2532" is|strong="G1510"
 the|strong="G1722" same|strong="G3778" in|strong="G1722"
 all|strong="G3956" his|strong="G3956" letters|strong="G1992",
 when|strong="G5613" he|strong="G2532" speaks|strong="G2980"
 in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G3588" about|strong="G4012"
 these|strong="G3778" subjects|strong="H5650". There|strong="G2532"
 are|strong="G1510" some|strong="G5100" things|strong="G3956"
 in|strong="G1722" them|strong="G3588" difficult|strong="H6381"
 to|strong="G4314" understand|strong="G1425", which|strong="G3739"
 untaught and|strong="G2532" weak|strong="H2470"
 people|strong="G3956" distort|strong="G4761", just|strong="G5613"
 as|strong="G5613" they|strong="G2532" do|strong="G2532"
 all|strong="G3956" other|strong="G3062" writings, to|strong="G4314"
 their|strong="G2532" own|strong="G2398" ruin|strong="H2723". ¹⁷
 You|strong="G5210" must|strong="G3588", therefore|strong="G3767",
 dear|strong="H3357" friends|strong="G2398", now|strong="G3767"
 that|strong="G2443" you|strong="G5210" know|strong="G4267"
 this|strong="G3588" beforehand|strong="G4267", be|strong="G3361"
 on|strong="G2443" your|strong="G3588" guard|strong="G5442"
 against|strong="G3361" being|strong="G2443" led|strong="G3767"
 away|strong="G4879" by|strong="G3361" the|strong="G3588"
 errors|strong="H7691" of|strong="G3588" reckless|strong="H6348"
 people|strong="G3767", and|strong="G3767" so|strong="G2443" lapsing
 from|strong="G3588" your|strong="G3588" present|strong="H7126"
 steadfastness|strong="G4740"; ¹⁸ and|strong="G2532"
 advance|strong="H0935" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"
 love|strong="H0157" and|strong="G2532" knowledge|strong="G1108"
 of|strong="G2250" our|strong="G2424" Lord|strong="G2962"
 and|strong="G2532" Saviour|strong="G4990", Jesus|strong="G2424"
 Christ|strong="G5547". All|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391"
 be|strong="G2532" to|strong="G1519" him|strong="G3588"
 now|strong="G1161" and|strong="G2532" for|strong="G1519"
 ever|strong="G1519".