

The Second Letter of Saint Peter

1. Opening Address (1:1-2)

2. Dignity of the Christian Vocation (1:3-21)

- A. The Vocation to Virtue (1:3-11)
- B. The Sure Prophetic Word (1:12-21)

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- A. The Presence of Deceivers (2:1-3)
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- A. The Skepticism of Scoffers (3:1-7)
- B. The Day of the Lord (3:8-13)
- C. Final Exhortation (3:14-17)

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2 Peter 1:5-7 SUPPLEMENT:

- Faith with Virtue (*moral goodness or excellence*)
- Virtue with Knowledge
- Knowledge with self-control
- Self-control with steadfastness
- Steadfastness with godliness
- Godliness with brotherly affection
- Brotherly affection with love

2 Peter 2:1

2089 **Incredulity** is the neglect of revealed truth or the willful refusal to assent to it. **Heresy** is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same; **apostasy** is the total repudiation (refusal to accept) of the Christian faith; **schism** is the refusal of submission to the Roman Pontiff or of communion with the members of the Church subject to him.