

Blameless and Spotless: Decreed in the Past, manifested in the Present, and confirmed in the Future

PETER SAYS THOSE WHO DENY THIS ARE "IGNORANT AND UNSTABLE"

2 Peter 3: 13 But according to His promise we are looking for a ~~new heaven~~ a **renewed heaven** and ~~a new earth~~ a **renewed earth**,
in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, ~~be diligent~~ be **excited** {literally, "hurry"} to be found by Him in peace,
spotless and blameless,

Ephesians 1: 3-4 ~~Blessed be~~ **Praise** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Colossians 1: 22 He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and
blameless, ~~and~~ **that is**, beyond reproach

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who ~~is able~~ **has the power** to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence
of His glory blameless with great joy

1 Corinthians 1: 6-7 ...even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift,
awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Philippians 3: 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is
through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the ~~untaught~~ **ignorant** and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own ~~destruction~~ **unraveling**.

Philippians 2: 12 Work out your salvation with fear and ~~trembling~~ **trauma**;

13 ~~for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.~~

God is the one bringing it about in you, both the desire and the doing of what pleases Him.

Hebrews 6: 4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers {i.e., externally} ~~of the~~ of Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible ~~to renew them again to repentance~~ to **bring them back to the point where they can change their minds.**

2 Peter 2: 1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly ~~introduce destructive heresies~~ **smuggle in heresies of dissolution**

2 Many will follow their ~~sensuality~~ **self-absorbed** (teaching)

3 and in their ~~greed~~ **obsessive desire for control...**

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of ~~unprincipled~~ men **who are teaching things contrary to what is written** and fall from ~~your own steadfastness~~ your **established position**,

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.