

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER  
THE COMBAT FAITH SERIES

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT  
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

**2-PETER CHAPTER 3:14-18**

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**THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

**“Before I Let You Go”**

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

**SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:**

**Last Days, End Times, Second Coming of Christ, The Church at The Finish-line.**

**2 Peter 3:14-18**

:14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; :15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation – *{as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, :16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.}* :17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; :18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

**“Before I Let You Go”**

These words do provoke in us / or will provoke in us a deep sense of emotion. These are words of finality, words of goodbye.

There is Here In Peter’s Closing Words, a “Preamble” to his Message. In other words – peter is saying “before I leave off being your shepherd for all these years, just let me say one more thing before I let you go.”

**"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."**

Nathan Hale

American soldier and spy for the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.

"The closing conversation of Citizen George Washington was with his secretary, Tobias Lear, concerning his burial arrangements. *"Have me decently buried; and do not let my body be put into the vault in less than three days after I am dead."* Fears of being buried too soon were common in the 18th century. Although Tobias Lear reportedly bowed affirmatively, Washington wanted to be certain: *"Do you understand?"* Upon received verbal confirmation that his last wishes would be honored, Washington spoke his final words: *"Tis well."* or *"It's well."*

**"Just don't leave me alone"**

John Belushi

**"this is the last of earth, I am content."**

John Quincy Adams

**John 19:30b**

He said, ***'It is finished!'***

and He bowed His head, and dismissed His spirit."

## **Before I Let You Go**

1.) Keep your faith alive

vs. 14-15a

## **Keep Your Faith Alive**

Before I Let You Go

1a.) With Anticipation

vs. 14a

:14a Therefore, beloved, looking forward  
to these things,

## **Keep Your Faith Alive**

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1b.) With Devotion

vs. 14b

:14b be diligent to be found by Him in peace,  
without spot and blameless;

- diligent: grk spoudazo; from 4710; to make haste, hence to give diligence: — diligent(6), eager(2), make every effort(3).
- found: grk heureo, hyoo-reh´-o; is used for it in all the tenses except the present and imperfect to find (literally or figuratively): — find, get, obtain, perceive, see.
- Spot grk: aspilos; from 1 (as a neg. pref.) and 4696; spotless, unstained: —spotless(2), unstained(1), without stain\*(1).

What is a stain?

It's something that will not come out of the native material.

To DYE SOMETHING is a desirable change to the native material

Blameless **momaomai**; (as a neg) NOT able *to find fault with*: —NOT able to discredit

## Please Keep Your Faith Alive Before I Let You Go

1c.) With Endurance	vs. 15a
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:15a and consider that  
the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation...

## Before I Let You Go

2.) Know His love	vs. 15b-16
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## Know His Love Before I Let You Go

2a.) Practice Intimacy	vs. 15b-16a
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*(:15b) {as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, :16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand*

Understand this – that everything about this Gospel is a magnificent, lofty and perfectly placed message straight to our human heart.

**2 Corinthians 12:1**

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup>And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

**1 John 2:20**

But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and you know all things.

**1 John 2:27**

But the **anointing** which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same **anointing** teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-11**

But as it is written: *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*  
<sup>10</sup>But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

FOR ME – PERSONALLY (HIS LOVE FOR ME IS HARD)

**Song Of Solomon 8:6-8**

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
As a seal upon your arm;  
For love is as strong as death,  
Jealousy as cruel as the grave;  
Its flames are flames of fire,  
A most vehement flame.  
<sup>7</sup> Many waters cannot quench love,  
Nor can the floods drown it.  
If a man would give for love  
All the wealth of his house,  
It would be utterly despised.

**Jeremiah 31:3**

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying:  
“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

**Ephesians 3:14-19**

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

*End of Study*

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