

Getting Ready

2 Peter 3.15-18

We are to count the Lord's patience as salvation (vv.15-16).

And count [l]the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as [m]our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?
Romans 2.4

For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.
2 Corinthians 2.17

But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God
2 Corinthians 4.2

We are not to be carried away by error (v.17).

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.
1 Corinthians 10.12

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,
1 Timothy 4.1

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.
1 Timothy 4.3-4

We are to grow in grace and knowledge (v.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.

and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus
Romans 3.24

"...by grace you have been saved 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 2.5c-7

If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. 18 The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.
John 7.17-18

You are my witnesses, declares the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.
Isaiah 43.10