[1]Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:[2]Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,[3]According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:[4]Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.[5]And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;[6]And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;[7]And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.[8]For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.[9]But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.[10]Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:[11]For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.[12]Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.[13]Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;[14]Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.[15]Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.[16]For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.[17]For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.[18]And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.[19]We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:[20]Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.[21]For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.