

2 Peter 3

Week One

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Day 1- 2 Peter 3

Read 2 Peter 3 in your Bible.

Read the passage again in a different version if possible:

- Underline/highlight key words, phrases and verses that stand out to you.

Day 2- 2 Peter 3:1-4

At the end of his letter, knowing the end of his life is near, Peter returns to his theme from the end of Chapter 1, reminding his readers of important truths he doesn't want them to forget.

1. What does Peter want his beloved readers to remember according to verses 1-2?
2. What specific predictions and prophecies does he remind them of in verse 3?

Going Deeper: Look up the following verses from the Old and New Testament and write down what they predict will happen in the Last Days (the time between the first coming and the second coming) that Peter is describing.

Daniel 7:25-

Daniel 11:36-39-

Matthew 24:3-5,11,23-26-

1 Timothy 4:1-

2 Timothy 3:1-7-

3. According to verse 3, what characterizes the life of a scoffer?



What sinful desires do you need to turn away from in your life? Many times our desires in and of themselves are not evil. They become sinful when they take God's place and fight against God's sovereignty in our lives. Is there a desire you have that has become more important to you than God? Assess this by asking yourself how much time, energy and thought are taken up with achieving this desire. Are you bitter and angry that you don't have what you desire? Are you content with God's sovereign choices for your life?

Write down a desire that has become idolatrous for you. What steps will you take to turn from this false god and the need you are trying to fill and turn toward God and what He provides.

For Discussion: What examples do you see today in our world of scoffing God and His ways? How should we respond to this when we see it?

4. What is it that these false teachers and scoffers are calling into question and trying to get believers to doubt? (verse 4)

Day 3- 2 Peter 3:5-7

5. How does Peter describe the stance of the scoffers in verse 5?

Going Deeper: How does Romans 1:18-21 describe this willful disbelief?

6. What two events in verses 5-6 does Peter put forth as evidence of God's reign and rule and of the fact that things have not continued as they were from the beginning?
7. What will happen in the future, according to verse 7, by the same power and authority that created the world and then destroyed it with a flood?

Day 4- 2 Peter 3:8-10

In the following verses Peter gives his readers good reason to continue believing in the second coming despite the questioning and scoffing of the false teachers.

8. How does Peter show us in verse 8 that our perspective on time is different than God's?

Going Deeper: Read Psalm 90:1-4 in the NLT. How did Moses illustrate God's eternal nature and man's temporal nature? How did he describe God's perspective on time?

9. Why hasn't Jesus returned yet according to Peter in verse 9?

10. What characteristics of God are displayed to believers in verse 9?

11. From verse 10, describe the day of the Lord in your own words.

Day 5- 2 Peter 3:11-18

12. What should Jesus' second coming motivate us to, according to Peter in verse 11?

13. What amazing and mysterious truth occurs when believers live holy and godly lives according to verse 12?

14. What promise of God are we waiting for according to verse 13? How does this encourage you while you are waiting?

15. According to verse 14, what are we to be doing while we wait for Jesus to come again? What word would you use to describe “without spot or blemish?”



Peter concludes his letter by exhorting his beloved readers to grow in grace and to grow in knowledge, basically a summary on how to be godly and holy, and live lives that are spotless and blameless while we wait for Jesus to return. To stay firmly established in our faith as Peter has been urging, we need to continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus. As one commentator (Green from *Peter and Jude*) says, “The Christian life is like riding a bicycle, unless you keep moving you fall off!”

Grow in grace- strive to deepen our understanding of the undeserved favor, unfailing love, tender mercy and freeing redemption we receive as God’s children.

Grow in knowledge- develop our vision of who God reveals himself to be through His Word, clinging to the truth as revealed in God’s Word and conforming our thoughts and actions to His truth.

So as Paul says in Philippians 3:12, let us press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:1-3

One Thing: Look back over this week’s study. Pick one thing that God impressed on you, or convicted you about or something new that you learned and write it here. ***How will knowing this impact the way you think and act?*** Consider sharing with your group.