

## 2 Peter Chapter Three

Peter tells us in Chapter 1 that his primary goal is writing the epistle (letter) is to remind them of the words of the prophets and the apostles regarding the person and message of Jesus.

2 Peter 1:13-14

***I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup> since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup> And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.***

VS 1-2

Again, in this passage Peter is focused on reminding them of what they have learned

1. From the words of the prophet – OT
2. From the commandments of the Lord Jesus (Apostle’s teaching).
  - Jesus was God Incarnate
  - Jesus was without sin
  - Jesus died in our place to take away our sins
  - Jesus rose from the dead and has defeated death.
  - Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower us to live victoriously
  - Jesus taught us how to live (Sermon on the Mount)
  - And much, much more.

VS 3-8

Information regarding the Coming Day of the Lord

There are three key components regarding the “Day of the Lord”

1. Judgment of the wicked. The wicked dread this day.
2. Rescue and restoration of the righteous. The righteous look forward to this day.
3. A recreation with a new heaven and a new earth.

Mockers – those who make fun, laugh, and scoff at God’s word, His Son and His people.

Jude 17-18

***But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.”***

They discount the message because it has never come true.

Peter declares them “blind” regard the plan of God.

1. The original creation was formed by the “Word of God” and out of the waters and by water.

Hebrews 11:3

*By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

Genesis 1:6-10

*And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.*

2. The present heavens and earth are now being preserved "by His Word" for FIRE.

Psalms 102: 25-27

*Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end.*

Isaiah 34:4

*And all the heavenly lights will wear away, And the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; All its lights will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as one withers from the fig tree.*

3. This fire will occur on the Day of Judgment and for the destruction of ungodly men.

Jude 14-17

*It was also about these people that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord has come with <sup>[2]</sup>many thousands of His holy ones, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

2 Peter 2:9-10

*then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,<sup>10</sup> and especially those who <sup>l<sub>g</sub></sup>indulge the flesh in its corrupt passion, and despise<sup>l</sup>authority.*

4. The Lord is not slow about keeping His promises. From His perspective (outside of the confines of time) a day is like a 1000 years. From our perspective it seems like a long time.

VS 9 – Why Do God Delay?

God is patient towards all of us not wanting any to perish but all to come to “repentance”.

What is true repentance?

- It is not sorrow
- It is not penance
- Repentance is true transformation and change
  - Intellectual element: A change of mind
  - Emotional element: A change of heart
  - Volitional element: A change of will
- The Prodigal Son is a good example
  - He came to his senses – intellectual
  - He acknowledged he had sinned against God and his father – emotional
  - He chose to go home, confess this to his father, and repent – volitional

VS 10 – 13

The Day of the Lord will come as a “thief” to those who are in the dark.

1 Thes 5:2-6

*For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night.<sup>3</sup> While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction <sup>l<sub>b</sub></sup>will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, so that the day would overtake you like a thief;<sup>5</sup> for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;<sup>6</sup> so then, let’s not sleep as others do, but let’s be alert and <sup>l<sub>e</sub></sup>sober.*

## Personal Preparation

If this is true, how should we be living?

Titus 2:11-13

***For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all people, <sup>12</sup> instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds.***

Peter states clearly that we should be living in “eager anticipation” for His return and the new heaven and the new earth. That Jesus would find in us a people at Peace, Spotless and without Blemish.

VS 15 – 18

- Read Paul’s letters as scriptures.
- Grow in grace and knowledge of the savior Jesus Christ