

2 Peter 3:14-18
Peter Tackles World Problems

“O Canada”

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Psalms 72:8

You have set all the borders of the earth. Psalms 74:17

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord Acts 17:24-28

2 Peter 3:1-3

1 Dearly Loved ones, I now write to you this second letter (in both of which I desire to wake up your sincere minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

v.3. Firstly, know this absolutely:

- #1. that scoffers will come
- #2. in the last days,
- #3. walking according to their own lustful ideas.

2 Peter 3:4-7

4 and asking, "Where is the promise of His coming? (parousia-appearing, rapture) For since the fathers have deceased, all things remain as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed was destroyed, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:8-10

8 **2nd x** And Dearly Loved ones, do not unaware of this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not delayed concerning His promise, as some count tardiness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the sky will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will break apart with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be consumed wholly by fire.

2 Peter 3: 11-14

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness? 12 Watching and waiting eagerly for the coming of the day of God, because of which the sky will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens (sky) and a new earth where righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, **3rd x Dearly Loved** ones, be looking forward to these things, make every effort to be found by Him 1. in peace, 2. without spot and 3. blameless;

2 Peter 3: 15-18

15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord to be salvation --- as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his letters, 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 stability, 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.

Why Was 2 Peter Written?

1. to address a teaching regarding sin... believers were forgiven but powerless to live a godly life

... God's divine "power was given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. (2 Pet. 1:3)

Jn 10:10 “I am come that you might have life, and to have it abundantly.”

Psalm 16:11 “In His presence is fullness of joy and at his right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Five of God's Promises

a. **Jer. 29:11-23 Plans** "11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

b. **Matthew 7:7 Prayer** "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and **you will find**; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Five of God's Promises

c. **Luke 12 Possessions** 30 For **all these things** the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and **all these things** shall be added to you.

Five of God's Promises

d. **Jn 10:27-31 Perish Never** "27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

e. **Jeremiah 17:7** " Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD."

Why Was 2 Peter Written Continued

- 2. To address false teachers / false prophets**
- 3. To address the subject of the return of Christ**

When are the last days?

#1. Acts 2:17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh. (we have been in the last days since the First Pentecost!)
quotes- (Joel 2)

#2. 2 Timothy 3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come, men will be lovers of self, of money, ...of pleasure more than lovers of God...

#3. 2 Peter 3:3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

1 - God's Judgment is Forceful

Mt 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. **Mt 24:43, Lu 12:39** And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

1Th 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so **cometh as a thief in the night**. **Re 3:3 (Church of Sardis)** Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, **I will come on thee as a thief**, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

1 - God's Judgment is Forceful

Re 16:15 Behold, **I come as a thief**. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

2 - God's Judgment is Fiery

Mt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

2 Thess 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

3 - God's Judgment is Final

2 Pet 3:10 ... that the heavens will pass away with a great noise

Colossians 1:17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

sustaneo - hold together



Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

bara - to make something out of nothing



How Are We to Behave?

Conversation is about behaviour...

We are not called to rearrange chairs on the Titanic...

Isa 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

The Future...

Re 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Re 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Last Words from Peter...

Respect Paul, receive his words as scripture

We are to grow... grow in grace

Loved ones (beloved)...

Peter has grown in love as he matured

So ought we!