

More Than Enough

2 Peter 3: 1-18

Overview of 2 Peter

- Last words of the apostle Peter to the believers of the first century (early 60's A.D.)
- One of the last books written and one of the last books recognized as inspired
- It was Peter's final blessing and warning to the church

Emphasis “More than Enough”

2 Peter 1 – More than enough grace to live victorious Christian lives

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

-1 Peter 1:3-4

2 Peter 2 – More than enough truth to expose false teachers and allow us to stand firm

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

-2 Peter 2:1

2 Peter 3 -More than enough clear warnings and time for us to be ready for Christ's second Coming

I. More than enough clear Signs of the End Time (2 Peter 3:1-9)

II. More than enough warnings and time to be ready (2 Peter 3:10-18)

¹This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ²that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” ⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. ⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

-2 Peter 3:1-10

A. Scriptures point to the Second Coming (1-2)

Old Testament Prophets foretold both comings of Christ

Coming as a baby and suffering for sin

Coming as a King triumphant over all

¹³ “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

-Daniel 7:13-14

New Testament (over 40 references to 2nd Coming)

Words of Christ - Matthew 24, Mark 13

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

-Matthew 24:30

Words of Apostles

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

-I Thessalonians 4:16-17

B. Scoffers are a sign of end times (3-9)

1. Their claims are false
2. Their errors are intentional
3. Their misinterpretation is tragic

His desire is for all to come to repentance

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

-Psalm 90:4

II. More than enough warnings and time to be ready

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as 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. 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. 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.

-2 Peter 3:10-18

Main Point - When you really believe something it changes how you live

A. His Coming is sure! (v.10)

Like a Thief - suddenly and unexpectedly

Quoting from Jesus **Matthew 25:13**

With great power -

Destruction of Elements

- earth, heavenly bodies, air fire earth

All laid bare before God

B. Enough Time and warning given (3 since/then statements)

I. Since we know all will be destroyed (v.11-13)

Elements will melt

New Heaven and New Earth will be created

Then we should live accordingly

Holiness - alive relationship with God

Godliness - alive reflection of His love to men

2. Since there will be a New Heaven and New Earth (v. 14-16)

God has given us assurances

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

-Isaiah 65:17

Then use the time wisely

Spotless in Christ -

Blameless - covered by the sacrifice of Christ

Concerned about the salvation of others

Correctly interpreting the Word of God

3. Since we have been warned ahead of time (v. 17-18)

We know scoffers will come

We know some will twist the scriptures

Then be careful and move forward

Watch out for the errors in teaching

Do not be discouraged by what

To keep from falling back - move forward

Grow in grace - accept it fully

Grow in Knowledge of the Lord - daily communion

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When will He come?

At a time when we don't expect

You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

-Luke 12:40

We are not to set a date.

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

-Matthew 24:36

Expect Him now!

Paul believed it would be in His life time

Then we (not they) who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

-1 Thessalonians 4:17

So do I!

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