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Week 3 – 2 Peter 3:1-18 (pg. 1028-1029)

2 Peter 1:3a (NLT) By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.

2 Peter 3:1-2 (NLT) This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory. I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.

2 Peter 3:3-13

End times

There will be _____ (vs. 3-4)

God created the world, and God will _____ it. (vs. 5-7)

God's timing is _____ than our timing. (vs. 8-9)

Jesus' second coming will be a _____. (vs. 10)

This is something we are looking _____ to. (vs. 11-13)

Isaiah 65:17-18a (NLT, pg. 620) "Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore. Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!"

2 Peter 3:14-16

Things to do while we wait:

We need to be _____ in our faith. (vs. 14)

We need to be sharing the _____ with people that need to be saved. (vs. 15)

We need to NOT twist scripture to _____ its meaning. (vs. 16)

2 Peter 3:17-18 (NLT) You already know these things, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

Final Thought: _____ (NLT, pg. 949) I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

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Week 3 discussion questions

As you look at the Spiritual Journey and the five steps identified, what is your next step to take? What is holding you back from taking that step? Baptism, journey classes, and all church events are designed to aid in moving forward in the journey. How are these things helpful for you? How are they not helpful? Explain.

What have you heard or always believed about Jesus coming again and/or the end of the world? What has been the biggest influences on your perspective; books, movies, church teachings, scripture, or something else? “Everything other than scripture about the end of the world is coming from a pre-determined bias, a bias you should know before trusting it.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Read Matthew 24. This is the most clear and specific description of the end times in scripture, and it is straight from Jesus. What about this chapter is surprising to you? What about this chapter is hard to understand? How do these words of Jesus fit into different theories you have heard or studied about the end of the world?

Read Revelation 20:11-21:8. This is a description of the final judgement that will happen at the end of the world. What jumps out at you about this passage? Explain. Read Revelation 21:9-27. This is a description of heaven, our true home as Christians. What jumps out at you about this passage? Explain.

As we finish this series, what has been the most eye-opening thing for you from 2 Peter? What has been the most encouraging thing from 2 Peter? Explain. Peter’s intention with this letter was to encourage us to keep journeying forward in our faith, but to be aware that we can drift from the right path. What is one or two things you need to adjust in your journey after studying 2 Peter?