

Study Notes on Peter's 2nd Epistle

Enemies of the Kingdom:
License -Eric Blick

Theme - the “thread” that runs through this book by the Apostle Peter: Even in the face of false teaching hostilities, we have been granted by God's divine power all that we need for real life and true godliness.

Historical Context - what was going on when he wrote this? As the apostles were planting churches, false teachers rose up inside, and their teaching sounded like freedom but provided incredible bondage.

The Logic of 1:3-4 the Big Idea for the book:

Our goal is godliness and life. The means by which we accomplish this is from God's great, divine power. And we are connected to that strength through the knowledge of God with his promises of hope.

To say it again using an analogy: We are like lightbulbs in our communities connected to God who is the great power source at the Hoover Dam producing the electricity. And we get that electricity channeled to us through the wires of hoping in the promises of God, the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ, and in knowing him (Piper, "Confirm").

Summary and outline in these notes:

I. Peter calls the church to spiritual growth - you have ALL you need (1:1-11).

Headline: By his divine power I have been granted (past tense, completed) all things I need for real life knowing him personally and loving others.

II. Peter reminds us that THESE things you already have are true (1:12-21).

Headline: Remember the gospel that saved you and sanctifies you.

A. This is not a myth because of what Peter saw on the mount of transfiguration.

B. This is not a myth because of the Old Testament Scriptures being about Jesus.

Headline: What we are reminded [his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness] is not based on myth but on prophecy even greater than what Peter saw at the mount of transfiguration.

III. False teachers push myths contrary to the eyewitness' account (2:1-22).

Headline: God faithfully rescues his own, and He punishes the unrighteous, talented, false teachers until judgment.

Headline: False teaching will lead to false living in the prison of sin.

IV. Contrary to the false teachers' notion, the Day of the Lord will come (3:1-13).

Headline: the promise of Christ's second coming and all his promises are sure, and they give us great hope through the power of God to live real life and act in pure godliness.

Headline: what GREAT HOPE we have and reason too to live in godly patience while we wait on a sure promise of a restored creation.

Concluding exhortations: Peter gives some final instructions (3:14-18).

Headline: As we wait for Christ's promised return, be diligent in holiness and be at peace.

2 Peter: How to address the enemies of the Kingdom - teachers of license?

2 Peter & Jude: The Enemies of the Kingdom - License

Intro: Two books are very similar – which one was written first? It is likely that 2 Peter was written first, false teachers are coming 2 Peter 2:1, and that Jude quickly summarizes 2 Peter as false teachers were already in their midst by the time Jude is written (Jude 4); Jude and James are the half brothers of Jesus;

Examples of language that is the same in both books	2 Peter	Jude
Writing to remind you of these things	1:12	5
God did not spare angels	2:4	6
Sodom and Gomorrah, as an example	2:6	7
False teachers despise authority, bring slanderous accusations against others, are described as brute beasts,	2:10-12	8-10
They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam	2:15-16	11
Blackest darkness is reserved for them.	2:17	12-13
Described as scoffers following their own evil desires	3:2	17

False teaching addressed: “Since we are saved by faith, our deeds have no importance in the Christian life.”

Intro:

According to The NT’s Use of the OT, the book of Jude was likely written first and then 2 Peter summarizes many of its main points. It also quotes or alludes to literature in Second Temple Judaism (like 4 Ezra, etc.). What does this mean, and what do we do with Peter’s outside of the Bible allusions? “At the very least, one must make an effort to see if 2 Peter is developing a parallel interpretation or an interpretation somewhat modified from the one found in other sources of early Judaism” (Beale p1,047).

Theme:

Theme 2 Peter: Second Peter teaches that the grace of God in Christ truly transforms and empowers Christians to live righteously, even in the face of opposition. This grace, introduced in 1:2–4, serves as the foundation for the remainder of the exhortations. The indwelling Holy Spirit (cf. 1:4, which characterizes Christians as “partakers of the divine nature”) produces virtuous “qualities” in followers of Christ (1:8–12), which in turn results in fruitful lives. (ESV)

Two Outlines:

Chapter 1: A Call to spiritual growth; Chapter 2: A Warning against false teachers; Chapter 3: A Reminder of coming judgment (Dever).

Initial Greeting (1:1–2)

I. God’s Grace in Christ Is the Source of Godly Living (1:3–11)

II. Peter’s Reminder to the Churches (1:12–21)

III. Evaluation of False Teachers (2:1–22)

IV. The Day of the Lord Will Surely Come (3:1–13)

Concluding Exhortations (3:14–18) (ESV Study Notes)

Arcing:		Passage: 2 Peter 1:1-11
Action: Peter writes	Idea	1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, [writing] To those
	Explain	who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
Result: so that we may know more of God’s grace and peace by knowing more of who this God is.	Result	2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
Action: We have been granted all we need for real life and real holy living, the deep character of what we saw Jesus do on earth responding to others.	Idea	3 His divine power has granted to us all things
	Explain	that pertain to life and godliness,
Manner 1: We get this from knowing God who called me to belong to him (i.e. this is a THINKING peace).	Series 1	through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,
Manner 2: We get this through knowing his promises on what he has said not only on who he is.	Series 2	4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises,
Result: We have intimate, lasting, satisfying fellowship with God himself.	Idea	so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption
	Explain	that is in the world because of sinful desire.
Inference: Because we have ALL we need for REAL life, live in sacrificial love toward others by growing in these eight linked qualities of Christ-like depth of character.	Main	5 For this very reason, [you] make every effort to supplement your <u>faith</u> with <u>virtue</u> , and virtue with <u>knowledge</u> , 6 and knowledge with <u>self-control</u> , and self-control with <u>steadfastness</u> , and steadfastness with <u>godliness</u> , 7 and godliness with <u>brotherly affection</u> , and brotherly affection with <u>love</u> .
Ground (Positive): Why? Because then your knowledge of God will not be fruitless or useless.	If	8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing,
	Then	[then] they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ground (Negative): Why? Because then you won’t be blind in forgetfulness.	Idea	9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that
	Explain	he was cleansed from his former sins.
Inference: Because you have real life in God AND love others, you will confirm your belonging to him.	Main	10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election,
Ground 1: You DO belong to him because you stand unshakable by growing in these eight linked qualities.	If	for if you practice these qualities
	Then	you will never fall.
Ground 2: You DO belong to him because you will receive entrance in his full kingdom at the end of this path marked by these eight linked qualities.	Main	11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Memory: Let these “precious and very great promises” which are worth memorizing for sure wash over us like a refreshing rain giving us restoration, comfort, and rest.

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Outline: I. Peter calls the church to spiritual growth - you have ALL you need.

HEADLINE: BY HIS DIVING POWER I HAVE BEEN GRANTED (PAST TENSE, COMPLETED) ALL THINGS I NEED FOR REAL LIFE KNOWING HIM PERSONALLY AND LOVING OTHERS.

Pastor Ryan, 4/11/21 (Gainey Ranch Pool): Awkward Cousins and Sturdy Foundations.

Intro: First Peter is many people’s favorite books, like finding that cool cousin at the family reunion to get caught up, and second Peter is like the awkward cousin that not many know. The foundation for the rest of the book is God’s GRACE, which we need for the exhortations to come later in the book. Here is the foundation of grace in v1-4:

1. God’s grace is abundant in salvation. Grace is undeserved favor, and though it is not called out specifically in Vs 1, it is there. We have equal standing with Peter through Grace. The word obtained is similar to received. God apportions the faith that we have, AND it is equal standing with Peter. The gospel is the great leveler. This is why favoritism has not place in the church.

2. God’s grace is displayed by providing us everything we need for life and godliness. What God demands, i.e. holy living, he graciously supplies. Our default is to “gun it” and “try harder” in life. Spiritually speaking, we need a truck to pull us out of the snow bank in our Christian living. We need to abide in Christ and we WILL live holy. We can’t operate from a mindset of defeat - i.e. our marriage will always be rocky, my sin will always hold me back, etc.

3. God’s grace is in the promises he has given us. The promises that Peter has in mind include that God will make in us Jesus’ character, and he will return for his own. What is the GOOD that God is doing our lives in Romans 8:28? Vs 29 says to conform us to the image of his great Son. It can be hard and painful like uncomfortable Grace but it is so good for us in the big picture.

4. Paul prays that this peaceful grace be multiplied to you. It is so important, that Peter prays for this grace over them.

Conclusion: Do you know THIS grace? Is your foundation on this grace, or are you just trying harder? Are you believing you are saved by grace but living now like it is all about works and effort? Rest in the grace of God. Abiding is the fuel for right living.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in a few short sentences	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
Peter probably wrote this letter from Rome not too long before his martyrdom, sometime during A.D. 64–67. Elements within the letter lead many scholars to conclude that Peter wrote during a time of persecution by Rome (perhaps during the persecution by Nero, who died in A.D. 68), while Peter himself was in a Roman prison awaiting imminent execution (cf. 1:12–15). (ESV notes)	FLOW: See arcing far left columns for a high level read through how each proposition fits in the overall argument and flow. KEY WORDS: Vs5 this reason = because you have been granted all you need. Godliness v3 = displaying the character of God to the watching world. V11: “[Peter] explains the way or means of persevering, when he says, <i>an entrance shall be ministered to you</i> . The import of the words is this: ‘God, by ever supplying you abundantly with new graces, will lead you to his own kingdom’ (Calvin p378). Not only do we get hope for salvation but we get all we need in his grace to keep going by his abundant, new graces.		Pv3:we have been given all the resources we need by his power. Reason to hope. Pv4: the promises connect us to God Cv5: supplement your faith with virtue, etc. i.e. grow in holy living. Pv8: holiness yields effectiveness Cv10: confirm your calling Pv10-11: you get firm standing and an entrance	V1: righteousness the Christ earned gives me equal standing with Peter V2: grace and peace come from him through knowing more of him V3: he has divine power and pursued us to call us to his own glory and excellence which are his. V4: he makes promises that are great and very precious V4: we enter the dance of the trinity V9: he cleanses us from sin V11: he provides an entrance
Implied WHY question(s): ground, inference, action/purpose, action/result	Implied WHAT question(s): idea/explain, question/answer, positive/negative, series	Implied HOW question(s): action/manner, idea/explain	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
-WHY does Peter write? v1 So increase my peace and understanding of grace. -WHY has he granted us all things? V3-4 so we may know him and he us in deep relationship. -WHY do we have godliness? V8 to be fruitful and remember with clear vision. -WHY can we confirm our election? V10 and v3 because we have all things	WHAT promises does Peter have in mind to partake in the diving nature: v4 He is working in us to make us live and act more like Jesus and his great character and begin to escape the corruption here.	HOW do we get equal standing with Peter? V1 by the righteousness of Jesus counted for us. HOW does grace and peace come to us? V2 by the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. HOW do we live godly v5’s inference? V3 by all that God has granted us through knowing him and his promises.	V2: I am not the source of my own peace and am need of grace. V4: good things become epi-desires or ultimate desires providing a functional savor to me, that is the corruption in me around around me. V5: I lack increasing in these 8 virtues in selfishness and sin.	Lord of all excellence and glory, we worship you. Forgive us for our sin of selfishly not abounding in flourishing ways these 8 virtues flowing from our union with. Christ. Thank you for pursuing me in grace and giving me all things for real life and growing in Christ-like character to all around me. Remind me in deep ways today your precious promises of grace and love.

2 Peter 1:1-11 - Sermon Part 2

In light of this matchless grace (v1-4), we will live holy (v5-11).

Pastor Ryan, 4/18/21 - We will live differently and make every effort to do so - verse 5-11

Intro: Like in Mario Cart, keep the cart on the road - don't say works are necessary for salvation and also don't say that works have no place in the Christian life. Our works matter. Though they are not the basis for our salvation, that is the grace of God vs1-4, they are a necessary outflowing or fruit that for true believers will increase because they are indwelt by the Spirit of God.

The big idea: Good works follow because of our union with Christ. We confirm our calling and election by putting on the virtues in vs 5-7. Our works matter because it proves we have union with Christ.

There are three practical implications here in this passage:

1. Are you making regular effort to grow in godliness? Make every effort to grow in virtue - that is the language Peter uses. Many of you have succeeded at great things through hard work. Have you ever put that level of effort into your spiritual growth?



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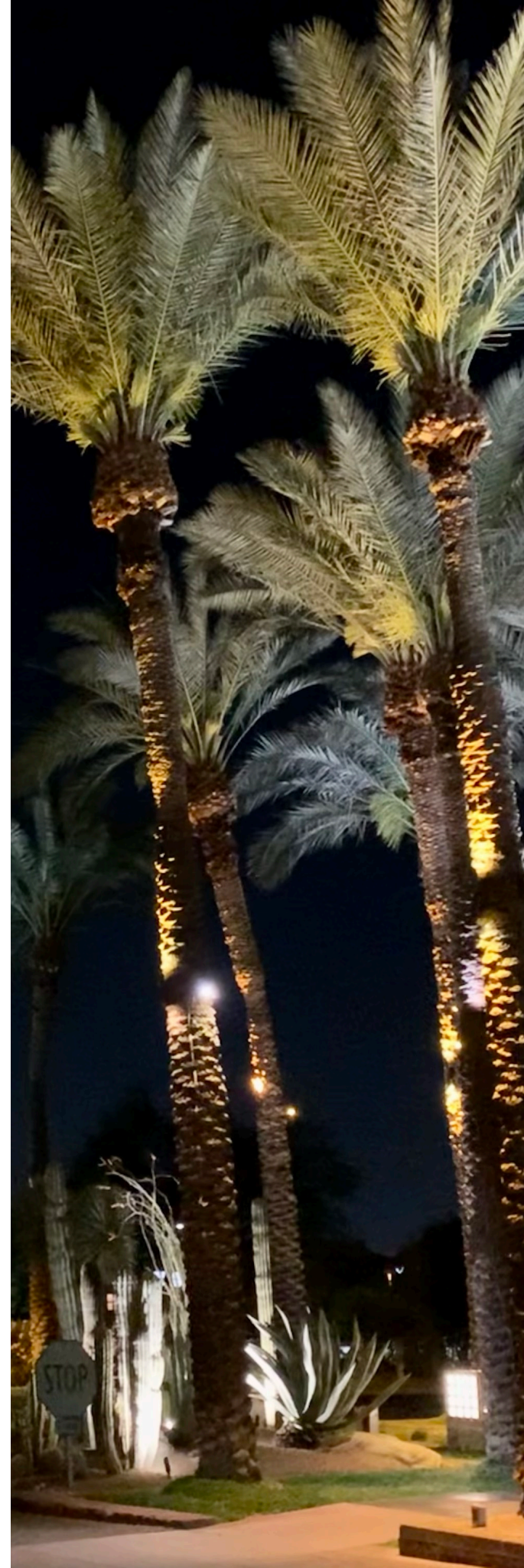
2. Are you growing and increasing in godliness? Look at the list of 8 virtues. Vs8 shows that they would be increasing. Are you growing in your trust of God? Are you increasing in moral excellence? Peter's point of using the "knowledge" word here is growing in knowing who God is. Our passions are not always helpful and we need self-control.

Steadfastness is one of the greatest evangelical tools we

have. Despite everything going on in this broken world, how can you be okay with God? That is steadfastness. Brotherly affection is for fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and through the Spirit, we can love one another above all. We do not just love those we like. What God calls us to, these 8 virtues for example, he will accomplish in us by his Spirit.

3. What is your motivation for wanting to grow in godliness? If it is to impress God or get approval for others or make much of ourselves, we have not understood the grace that has been given to us. The grace of God actually gives us motivation that we CAN change. When we understand grace, that is when lasting and true change occurs.

Quote - context of what "THIS" refers in v5: "This very reason" is spelled out in the previous verses (1:3-4). God's glory and goodness have provided great and precious promises, so that through them we may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption of the world. For this reason we are to make every effort to pursue these seven steps. Second, at the back end Peter assures us that these qualities will prevent us from being ineffective and unproductive in our knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (1:8-9)" (Beale p530).



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“His divine power has granted to us all things...”

Do we truly believe that we are fully equipped and have been granted all that we need for true life and deep character?

Arcing:				Passage: 2 Peter 1:12-15
<p>Inference: Because God's divine power has brought you saving life AND produces 8 character qualities as proof of that life, I will always remind you of this.</p> <p>Ground 1. Because you HAVE this truth already.</p> <p>Ground 2. Because I am about to die and you will need these reminders.</p>			Inference	[12] Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities,
	Ground (Series 1): Because you HAVE this truth already.		Idea	though you know them and are established in the truth
			Explain	that you have.
	Ground (Series 2): Because I am about to die and you will need these reminders.		Main	[13] I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,
		Ground (Series 1):	Idea	[14] since I know that
			Explain	the putting off of my body will be soon,
			Comparison	as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.
		Ground (Series 2):	Action (Main)	[15] And I will make every effort
			Temporal	so that after my departure
			Result	you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in a few short sentences	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
V1-11 These qualities of grace and 8 character traits above is what we are being reminded of here particularly v12 and v15.	<p>Inference: Because God's divine power has brought you saving life AND produces 8 character qualities as proof of that life, I will always remind you of this.</p> <p>Ground 1. Because you HAVE this truth already.</p> <p>Ground 2. Because I am about to die and you will need these reminders.</p>	<p>V12-these: God's divine power has brought you saving life AND produces 8 character qualities as proof of that life</p> <p>vs12-13 Paul gives same reason to remind them what they know they have - Romans 15:14; Philippians 3:1 there is safety in reminders.</p> <p>V14 body = put off this my "tabernacle" - remember our death that this is not all there is, but rather this body covers us for a short time, preparing us for the real body and true eternity with Him (Calvin 380).</p>	<p>P12: truth has an establishing nature to it for those who believe</p> <p>C15: after Peter dies, recall these truths often: the 8 qualities of life sprinting from divine power in us granting us life.</p>	<p>V14: the putting off of our tabernacle (body) is not the end of the story but a grace from God not to live in this broken world stuck forever.</p> <p>V14: Jesus speaks</p>
Implied WHY question(s): ground, inference, action/purpose, action/result	Implied WHAT question(s): idea/explain, question/answer, positive/negative, series	Implied HOW question(s): action/manner, idea/explain	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY does Peter remind them? 1. To tell them they already know God, there is not some new body of revelation that they do not have, they are established in it already, but they can forget or let it become mundane (v12). 2. Because he will die soon and they need to hold to what he said which is true and for their good as he won't be there to remind them these things going forward (v13-15).	<p>V14 WHAT impact does this have on Peter's readers? Knowing that he will die, these words are so important like a last Will and Testament (Calvin 380).</p> <p>WHAT is Peter reminding them (v12)? Divine power granting us all things for both life (salvation) and godliness (sanctification). These are not new truths but ones that you have and in which are established.</p>	HOW do we stir our affections for God and knowing him through Jesus as revealed in his word through many promises (v13)? By way of reminder of these truths.	<p>We need to be reminded of what is lasting, what is truth. We forget. We mis-prioritize. We get clouded. We lose sight of the forest for the daily trees of life.</p> <p>We will die like Peter died.</p> <p>We need each other to remember together in community.</p>	Lord of all divine power, we worship your great name. Forgive us for being slow to remember and focused too much on things that do not matter. Thank you for giving us your truths that we can remind each other we have all we need from you for true life and lasting godliness. Help us together study and remember and know your promises, that we would know your word, and remember how we are loved by you deeply.

Outline continued:

II. Peter reminds us that **THESE** things you already have are true.

HEADLINE: REMEMBER THE GOSPEL THAT SAVED YOU AND SANCTIFIES YOU.

Pastor Jim, 4/25/21 - Remember to Remember

Intro: What is on your bucket list? Reminding believers this gospel is on his bucket list as it were. WHAT does Peter want us to remember?

1. He wants to remind us of these qualities. It is the same word in verse 8, these qualities are yours and are increasing. These are the 8 in verse 5, this life we are called to live as followers of Christ. These are not new truths. They already are grounded in them. Remembering is the alarm clock of forgetfulness - it will wake us up. Remembering is all over the Psalms. Over and over again the psalmist calls the people to remember the goodness and greatness of God in detailed ways. Psalm 103 is an example which calls us to remembrance then gives great detail. Psalm 111 is another great example. God remembers us.

2. WHY are we called to remember over and over in Scripture and this is Peter's "bucket list" to remind?

a. We are prone to forget. In our finitude and our brokenness, we forget. Also, in vs9 Peter says people can be so nearsighted they are blind, forgetting they have been cleansed from former sins. Peter saw first hand at the wedding supper when Jesus turned water to wine from inside cleansing pots. He watched Christ clean miraculously

b. V16 (next week) says false teachers present us untruthfulness of the gospel. This makes us forget how to connect the greatness of God as seen in all his redemptive acts.

WHAT are we to remember? We are to remember God - who he is, his goodness, his majesty, his power, his grace, etc. We remember what God has done - his mighty deeds AND his faithfulness to us, to me. Re-count the ways in a list of how God has been faithful to you.

HOW are we to go about doing this? What is the spiritual discipline to help with this? V15 Peter says we need to be able to recall these truths.

a. Read God's word over and over and over again. Meditate on these words. Look for old truths and new application and implication for me too today. George Muller, orphanage builder in England in the 1800's and a man of prayer, said that at age 71 he had read the Bible 100 times and at 92 he had reached 200 times. Psalm 63 calls us to meditate on him in the watches of the night from your bed.

b. We can remember in the times of trial too. Psalm 42:5-6

c. We are called to remember TOGETHER. Peter is doing the work of remembering on behalf of others. The "you" here is plural. We are called to do this corporately too. This is one the reasons we gather each Sunday and community groups and other venues and outings during the week.

d. In our homes, we need to remind each other.

Conclusion: what can you be doing this week remember the truths of Scripture? What about helping others remember this week?

Arcing:		Passage: 2 Peter 1:16-21	
Ground of Previous Section (Main 1): Because WHAT we are reminding you, namely that his divine power has granted us LIFE and GODLINESS, is based on TWO eyewitness accounts - NOT cleverly devised myths.		Neg (Main)	[16] For we did not follow cleverly devised myths
		Temporal	when we made known to you the power [could refer to Jesus' first coming or as an adjective for his powerful 2nd coming] and coming ["parousia" - word used for the return of Christ] of our Lord Jesus Christ,
		Pos	but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
Ground (Series 1): because we were eyewitnesses of God's power on the Mount of Transfiguration		Temporal (Series 1)	[17] For when he received honor and glory from God the Father,
		Temporal (Series 2)	and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory,
		Idea	"This is my beloved Son,
		Explain	with whom I am well pleased," [listen to him" was also said]
		Main	[18] we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven,
		Ground	for we were with him on the holy mountain.
Ground (Series 2): AND because we are eyewitnesses of God's power in revealing himself through written word - seeing Jesus in all of the OT too.		Comparison	[19] And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed,
		Action	to which you will do well to pay attention
		Manner (series 1)	as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns
		Manner (series 2) - IDEA	and the morning star rises in your hearts, [20] knowing this first of all,
	Main	Explain	that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.
	Ground	Neg (-)	[21] For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man,
		Pos (+) Action	but men spoke from God
		Pos (+) Manner	as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Notes:

What happened when Peter, James and John saw Jesus transformed on the Mount of Transfiguration?

Peter is obeying Jesus' command: Matthew 17:9 - And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." What Peter is mainly saying is "what I got to see on the Mount of Transfiguration has the same weight as what God ensured was written down to reveal himself to us." That is why Moses and Elijah both showed up as well. It is all about Jesus in both Testaments of Scripture.

"When the cloud comes down, not only do the disciples not die, they are surrounded and embraced by the brilliance of God. They hear God the Father speaking of his love for the Son, just as he did when Jesus was baptized at the beginning of Mark. Then suddenly the cloud goes away, and they are left standing there blinking in the comparatively dim light of the mountaintop, in a state of electrified wonder. James, Peter, and John have experienced worship. Worship is a preview of the thing that all of our hearts are longing for, whether we know it or not... Worship is not just believing. Before they went up the mountain, Peter, James, and John already believed in God. And Peter had already said, "You are the Christ." But now they have sensed it. The presence of God has enveloped them. They have had a foretaste of what Lewis says all of us are longing for: the very face and embrace of God... When you have pursued God in repentant helplessness [i.e. like the father in Mark's next scene asking Jesus to heal his son], you will have worshipped. And every time you sense his embrace, your soul will shine the slightest bit brighter with his reflected glory, and you will be the slightest bit more ready to face what life has in store for you" (Keller p109-120).

What is it about the transfiguration that connects to Jesus' SECOND coming? In all three gospel accounts of the transfiguration event, it immediately follows a section of the Kingdom coming in its fullness. That day Peter saw Christ as he will be at his second coming in his glorified, material body full of glory and power beyond the angels.

Outline continued:

A. This is not a myth because of what Peter saw on the mount of transfiguration.

B. This is not a myth because of the Old Testament Scriptures being about Jesus.

HEADLINE: WHAT WE ARE REMINDED [HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS] IS NOT BASED ON MYTH BUT ON PROPHECY EVEN GREATER THAN WHAT PETER SAW AT THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION.

Pastor Ryan, 5/2/21 - Folklore, Myths, and the Sure Word of God

The Big idea: Peter gives us TWO key reasons why Jesus is who he said he is AND he IS coming again. That is not a myth. It is true. Reason 1: he saw Jesus transformed. Reason 2: all OT Scripture is reliable to WHO Jesus is and that he WILL come again.

So HOW do we respond?

A. Embrace the uniqueness of Jesus. No one has ever been so bright as Christ was on that day of his transfiguration. No one had God speak over him his pleasure like that. There is no one like Jesus, full of glory, able to save to the uttermost.

B. Confidently stand on the word of God. If this is God's word and it is authoritative, inerrant, and sufficient, where else can you plant your flag? This is what our culture is longing for at its deepest roots and has the joy of God to be brought to them through us.

C. By paying attention to what the word of God actually says. V19 it is possible to know all the right answers but we also need to obey it. We don't just need these words in theory but use it in reality. The Bible is a lamp in a dark place but HOW do we use it in our lives to move forward in hope. How do we use it to work differently? Address social injustices differently?

D. By embracing the reality that Jesus is coming again. He will indeed come again and make all things right. Are we living today like that is actually true? It will change our here and now in this real hope.

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V12-15 These things that Peter is reminding us of are NOT based on cleverly devised myths but even better prophetic word than what Peter heard at the mount of transfiguration. Peter is addressing the false teachers' accusation that Jesus will not return again but that is a myth.	This is the Ground of Previous Section (Main 1): Because WHAT we are reminding you, namely that his divine power has granted us LIFE and GODLINESS, is based on TWO eyewitness accounts and NOT cleverly devised myths.	v19 Prophetic word = Old Testament v19 More fully confirmed than what? God's voice over Jesus? OT revelation carries the same inspiration that God endorsing Jesus does. The Scriptures are trustworthy and they regularly prophecy about Jesus' first coming and his second coming return.	P-v19: Jesus confirms all of Scripture with his coming and life and death and resurrection and ascension. C&P-v19: Obey God's word and it will be good for you / go well for your thriving. P-v21: Scripture is written down as God's actual words and protected by him.	V16: Jesus came in power and will come again. V17: God bestows honor and glory. V18: God allowed these 3 disciples to be in his presence and not die through Jesus. V18-21: God speaks to mankind over Jesus and through his prophets about his Son.
Implied WHY question(s): ground, inference, action/purpose, action/result	Implied WHAT question(s): idea/explain, question/answer, positive/negative, series	Implied HOW question(s): action/manner, idea/explain	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY do we know that Jesus' coming the first time and his return is NOT just like another myth? V16 - Reason 1: Peter saw the Transfiguration - Reason 2: The OT is God's word in the same way we heard it over Christ.	V16 - WHAT did Peter make known to them/us? The power of Jesus as God and the (first?) coming of Jesus as God to this world. V20 - WHAT is Scripture? 1. God's word - God is the source, his actual words. It's therefor authoritative , inerrant / infallible in original manuscripts, and sufficient for LIFE & GODLINESS. 2. It's a concussive operation through men.	V19: HOW do we pay attention? OT reference to lamp shining in our hearts = knowing the revealed truth from God who God is. V21: HOW did prophets write the words of God? They wrote from God what they wanted to while being carried along by the HS.	We are prone to follow cleverness but myths v16. We get distracted and need to be reminded and told to pay attention v19. We live in a dark world and our hearts are dark until we get this light v19.	O, resurrected Jesus who sits at the right hand of God in bodily form interceding for me, I worship you. Forgive our soul-clutter, and clear our minds of distraction and focus us on what is lasting and matters. Thank you for your diving power in us for life and godliness, and that that is true and not based on myths. Help us to know the point of the transfiguration and weight of your word and cause us to live differently.

Arcing:		Passage: 2 Peter 2:1-10	
<p>Positive (previous section): We have two eyewitness accounts that Jesus is who he said he is and is coming again which is not a series of myths.</p> <p>Negative Action (with 4 downward spiraling steps): False teachers have pushed these myths to the contrary. Their teaching is destructive to listeners and themselves, and many follow, and thus this path is blasphemed, and you are exploited by their words.</p>	Progressive 1	Main	[1] But false prophets also arose among the people,
		Comparison (Idea)	just as there will be false teachers among you,
		Series (Explain)	who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master
		Series (Explain)	who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.
	Progressive 2		[2] And many will follow their sensuality,
	Progressive 3		and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.
<p>Result: False teachers are condemned and will be destroyed.</p>	Progressive 4		[3] And in their greed they will exploit you with false words.
		Series 1	Their condemnation from long ago is not idle,
<p>Ground: Why do we know false teachers are condemned? Because God has demonstrated in three examples listed here that he knows how to keep the unrighteous under punishment until judgment while rescuing the godly (Angels, Noah, Lot) from trials of these false truths.</p>	IF (Series 1): he punished rebellious angels with exile and judgment [implied he rescued 2/3rd of the angels?]	Main	[4] For if God did not spare angels
		Temporal	when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;
	IF (Series 2): he punished rebellious men with the flood and rescued Noah and family.	Main	[5] if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others,
		Temporal	when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;
	IF (Series 3): he punished ungodly in Sodom / Gomorrah with fire and rescued Lot and family.	NEG	[6] if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;
		POS (idea)	[7] and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked
		(Explain)	[8] (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day,
		(Idea)	he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds
		(Explain)	that he saw and heard);
	THEN: He will punish today until judgment while rescuing his own.	Idea	[9] then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,
		Explain	[10] and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Outline continued:

III. False teachers push myths contrary to the eyewitness’ account.

HEADLINE: GOD FAITHFULLY RESCUES HIS OWN, AND HE PUNISHES THE UNRIGHTEOUS, TALENTED, FALSE TEACHERS UNTIL JUDGMENT.

Pastor Jim, 5/9/21 - Our Great, Rescuing God

Intro: Everyone loves rescue stories. Recently in our lifetime the soccer team trapped in the mine, the Chilean miners, the Navy Seals rescuing POWs, etc. Here Peter goes through three rescue stories to show the contrast how Jesus protects his own and punishes false teachers as he did angels, the world at the flood, and people of Sodom.

- 1. There are three warnings to us about false teachers: a. Their message is slightly off and destructive; b. Many will follow their blaspheme of the truth of Jesus as Master; c.They exploit you for their profit by false words.
- 2. Will God turn a blind eye to these destructive teachers? No, he proves he never has with three stories of proof, and how he preserves his own. Noah is his own obedience and righteousness still needed God to rescue him. In contrast, Lot in the midst of sinful community tormented of soul needed God to rescue him as well because he lingered and would not go. The Lord was merciful to both men. Therefore, God knows how to rescue us from false teaching as well. So, don’t lose heart.

Notes:

Vs6-8-Lot was rescued from God’s wrath: “Lot’s rescue ultimately was not from the Sodomites but rather from the wrath of God that befell the city” (Beale p1,055).

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in a few short sentences	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
Positive (previous section): We have two eyewitness accounts that Jesus is who he said he is and is coming again which is not a series of myths. In contrast, this passage shows false teachers prospering going the exact opposite way.	Negative Action (with 4 downward spiraling steps): False teachers have pushed these myths to the contrary. Result: False teachers are condemned and will be destroyed. Ground: Why do we know they will not win and be condemned? Because Peter uses 3 examples to show how God rescues his own and judges the unrighteous.	V3-Exploit = steal from you the truth and resources and benefits. V4 Angels: not sure which ones are in mind (Genesis 6:1-6, or Satan and 1/3 falling is likely). But the point is that if angels who are greater than mankind fell and are judged, no one escapes judgment (Calvin p396). V9 Trials: protection in living with goats among the sheep	P-v3: judgment comes on the evil - followed by three examples P-v9: God ultimately rescues his own from trial - preceded by three examples of how he has that track record	V1 God has a people. He is the Master. He made us and redeemed us / bought us back. V2 God is truth and has a way. V3 God justly condemns and executes judgement at the right time and does not forget or sweep under the rug (not asleep). v4 He cast angels to hell. v5 He preserves families V7 He rescues v9 and punishes.
Implied WHY question(s): ground, inference, action/ purpose, action/result	Implied WHAT question(s): idea/explain, question/answer, positive/negative, series	Implied HOW question(s): action/manner, idea/explain	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY is there a delay of judgment? Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?	WHERE are the false teachers) v1 among the church bringing slight differences. WHAT do the false teachers teach? V2, 10, Jesus has nothing to do with our bodies so engaging in debauchery is fine and good.	HOW will we live when secretive teaching is around us? V5 he will bring rescue like the ark. HOW will we spot false teachers? V1-3 they are just like the false teachers in the OT. They are destructive. They deny God ultimately. They have a distorted sexual theme in their words. They blaspheme the godly’ s way. They exploit others instead of serve like the Good Shepherd.	V1 there are people teaching falsely still today around us, and we are susceptible. V8: we torment our righteous soul over being impacted by the sin in our country and community based on where and how we chose to live and how we engage (is Peter saying these Christians are tormenting themselves like Lot as they hear false teachers’ sensuality? V9 we have trials. That is the normal, Christian experience.	O, righteous judge and faithful rescuer, we are in awe of you, and because of Christ, enjoy you. Forgive us for believing false truths contrary to your revealed and authenticated word, namely, that through your promises you connect us to your power which gives us all we need for true life and godliness. Thank you for your faithful judgment of evildoers and pursuing your own to rescue them. Help us, Father, cling to your word and be content in pursuing you and your righteousness.

Arcing:			Passage: 2 Peter 2:10b-22
Main (Series 1): False teachers mock the spiritual realm.	Series: They brazenly blaspheme the fallen angels in ways unlike the pure angels and more like wild animals without understanding.	Main	Bold and willful, they do not tremble
		Comparison	as they blaspheme the glorious ones,
		Positive	[11] whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.
		Negative	[12] But <u>these</u> , like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, <u>will also be destroyed</u> in their destruction, [13] suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing.
Main (Series 2): They sin brazenly even in the daylight and deceive.	Series: They revel even in daylight hours.	Series	They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime.
	Series: They deceive while they feast with you.	Main	They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions,
		Temporal	while they feast with you.
	Series: They are insatiable for sin.	Series	[14] They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin.
	Series: They entice.	Series	They entice unsteady souls.
Series: They are good at greed.	Series	They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!	
Main (Series 3): They are greedy like Balaam and overpromise with freedom and underdeliver with slavery.	Series: They have gone astray for money like Balaam.	Idea	[15] Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray.
		Explain (Comparison)	They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor,
		Explain	who loved gain from wrongdoing, [16] but was rebuked for his own transgression;
		Explain	a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.
	Series (Main 1): They overpromise and under-deliver.	Action	[17] These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm.
		Result	For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.
Ground: because their sensual message leads to bondage, because what overcomes a person places them in bondage, because their nature was not changed they return to a worse, former place.	Ground 1 (Main 2): For they speak loud, sensual passions of freedom that really lead to bondage.	Idea	[18] For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those
		Explain	who are barely escaping from those who live in error.
		Positive	[19] They promise them freedom,
		Negative	but they themselves are slaves of corruption.
	Ground 2 (Main 3): Because being overcome is slavery.	Action	For whatever overcomes a person,
		Result	to that he is enslaved.
	Ground 3 (Main 4): Because they return to their original enslavement in what formerly entangled them.	If (Progression)	[20] For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
		If (Progression)	they are again entangled in them and overcome,
		Then	the last state has become worse for them than the first.
	Ground 4 (Main 5): Because it would have been better never to clean.	Ground	[21] For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.
	Ground 5: Because like the proverb, their nature was not changed thus they returned to what they knew like the pig.	Idea	[22] What the true proverb says has happened to them:
		Explain (Series)	“The dog returns to its own vomit,
		Explain (Series)	and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”

Outline continued:

III. False teachers push myths contrary to the eyewitness' account (continued).

HEADLINE: FALSE TEACHING WILL LEAD TO FALSE LIVING IN THE PRISON OF SIN.

Pastor Jim, 5/16/21 - Ranting Against False Teaching

Intro: Not all rants are bad, even though we think of Rush Limbaugh or Bo Pelini when we think of someone on a rant. Rant is to scold vehemently bad teaching in Peter's case in this passage.

1. There are at least 15 ways Peter describes WHAT false teachers are like, what they do, how to see them.
2. What do we do with this extensive, brutally honest rant by Peter - WHY is it here? A. It shows us what we do not want to be like or end up like. B. We long for Jesus and the freedom that he can bring in deep contrast to the slavery that these teachers deliver. In contrast Matthew 11:28-30 shows this master to be gracious, his burden is light, and he is in the yoke with us and he is for us. Treasure this Jesus and be overcome by him.

Notes:

Vs14-16-Peter rebukes their greed and ties it to an OT story: "Peter emphasizes the ironic symbolism: Balaam's sin was irrational, and he was rebuked by an irrational beast" (Beale p1,056).

Vs21-22-The true nature of these false teachers never changed so say the two Proverbs quoted: "Peter does not have in view people who have been enthusiastic false teachers from the beginning of their professional lives, nor is he thinking of genuine Christians who, sadly, have slipped into some sort of temporary backsliding. The context shows (esp. 2:20-22) that these people once lived sinful and perhaps debauched lives but then for a time 'escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ' (2:20), but now they are again entangled in the world and all its corruptions" (Beale p1,057).

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in a few short sentences	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
2:1-10 False teachers will be judged and the righteous will be rescued. Vs10b-22 - How do you spot false teachers? 15 tell-tale signs when a person's changed behavior does not flow from their nature being changed, and they return to what they know.	-Main (Series 1): False teachers mock the spiritual realm; Main (Series 2): They sin brazenly even in the daylight and deceive. Main (Series 3): They are greedy like Balaam and overpromise freedom and deliver slavery. -Ground: because their sensual message leads to bondage, because what overcomes a person places them in bondage, because their nature was not changed they return to a worse, former place.	Key words: -V10 Glorious ones - false teachers deny the demonic realm which even angels do not do. -V15 False teachers "are in this respect worse than Balaam himself, because they gratuitously pour forth their maledictions, when he, induced by reward, attempted to curse (Calvin p406). -V17 "the momentary darkness which they now spread, there is prepared for them a much thicker darkness which is to continue forever" (Calvin p407). V20 THEY: Peter is still talking about false teachers here who partook of the common grace of God but never saved and changed, i.e. return to the pig pen. Promises: Pv21: staying in the path of righteousness is the best path. It is the only path of true freedom to be slaves of righteousness (to use Paul's wording in Romans 6). In God is true freedom where our souls can thrive and one day our bodies will fully thrive too.		V11: Angels are before the court of the Lord's justice. V16: He rebukes transgression, even through irrational animals like donkeys. V17: he reserves dark doom. V20: Jesus is real and there is real knowledge of him. V21: his way is righteous. He has holy commandments that he revealed himself through to mankind - delivered. V22: he created the natural order with patterns to be observed and teach us.
Implied WHY question(s): ground, inference, action/purpose, action/result	Implied WHAT question(s): idea/explain, question/answer, positive/negative, series	Implied HOW question(s): action/manner, idea/explain	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY is the gloom of utter darkness reserved for false teachers v17 / 10-17? Because the deceive with sexual perversion because that leads to terrible bondage for themselves and their listeners. Because of that it would have been better for these teachers never to have cleaned up their lives, because they fulfill the proverb that says since their nature is not changed they return.	-V10b-11 WHO do they blaspheme? "They blaspheme the glorious ones, probably evil angels (cf. v. 11; Jude 8-9). In so doing, they recklessly dismiss any thought that these demonic forces have power or that their willful sins will open them to demonic attack. But good angels, like wise humans, do not take these evil powers lightly (ESV Study Notes). -V17: WHAT do they teach? They promise contentment and satisfaction but the deliver confusion. -V19: WHAT masters you, because everyone is mastered by something? -V20: HOW do we escape the defilements of the world? Studying and knowing who Jesus is in all of Scripture, OT and NT.		V14: we tend towards an unsteady soul, and v18 we barely escape how these false teachers live. V19: We can be slaves of righteousness (Rom 6) Pv22: Our nature is corrupt, and our only hope is that God changes our nature or else we will return to the only bondage we know.	O, Righteous God who reveals himself to mankind, who worship you in your perfection and holiness. Forgive our bondage we live in loving sin and listening to sensual, false teaching. Thank you for changing our nature so we are no longer slaves to sin but have the true freedom of walking with God. Protect our unsteady hearts from living like we believe sin will not give bondage but freedom.

**then the Lord knows how
to rescue the godly from trials,
and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day
of judgment...**

2 Peter 2:9



Elements at the Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain, Paradise Valley, AZ

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these [the new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells according to his promise], be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 2 Peter 3:14

Arcing:			Passage: 2 Peter 3:1-10
Main: There are two reasons that the OT Prophets and Jesus himself says that false teachers are wrong saying Christ's promise to return is faulty (Ground NEG, Ground POS):		Idea	[1] This is now the second letter
		Explain	that I am writing to you, beloved.
		Action	In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,
		Result (Idea)	[2] that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, [3] knowing this first of all,
		Explain	that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.
		Idea	[4] They will say,
		Explain	"Where is the promise of his coming?"
		Ground (temporal)	For ever since the fathers fell asleep,
		Ground (main)	all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."
Ground (Negative): God will intervene again as he does daily by holding all things together in creation, and as he proved he can do in the flood of judgement that happened in Noah's day. .	Positive: God intervened in creation - separating the waters, and in the flood - destroying the earth.	Idea	[5] For they deliberately overlook this fact,
		Explain (series)	that the heavens existed long ago,
		Explain (series)	and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,
		Explain (series)	[6] and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.
	Negative: God will intervene with fire.		[7] But 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.
Ground (Positive): God has a different view of time than we do. He is not too slow or too fast in his timing to return.	Main: God's view of time is different than our view.	Idea	[8] But do not overlook this one fact, beloved,
		Explain	that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
	Ground (Positive): He is not too fast, patiently giving everyone time to repent.	Idea	[9] The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that
		Explain (Negative)	any should perish,
		Explain (Positive)	but that all should reach repentance.
	Ground (Negative): He is not too slow, that day will be like a thief no one sees coming.	Series	[10] But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
		Series	and then the heavens will pass away with a roar,
		Series	and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved,
		Series	and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Notes:

The false teachers' argument (red-vs4b-d) is that the second appearing is only spiritual and not physical, and it's already happened. Therefore we can live however we want with our bodies since there will be no bodily resurrection where we will be judged for what is done in the body. Argument one (dark green-vs5b-c): God is the one who created the world and holds it together by the word of his power. Just because the false teachers think that these things are true because of the many patterns in the world around us such as the sun always coming up and always going down, it does so by his word. And he can stop his holding-all-things-together-voice. Argument two (light green-vs6): God did change his voice and the cataclysmic event of judgment of the flood happened, and he can do that again. Argument three (lightest green-v8b): just because he hasn't returned yet because of his patience towards you, don't turn that into a reason for unbelief (Piper, "Where").

Outline continued:

IV. Contrary to the false teachers’ notion, the Day of the Lord will come.

HEADLINE: THE PROMISE OF CHRIST’S SECOND COMING AND ALL HIS PROMISES ARE SURE, AND THEY GIVE US GREAT HOPE THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD TO LIVE REAL LIFE AND ACT IN PURE GODLINESS.

Pastor Ryan, 5/23/21 - Flood, Fires, and the Importance of Keeping a Good Calendar [at Restoration Southside with Justine and Will for Graduation weekend]

Intro: Martin Luther had two days on his calendar: today and THAT day. We need to remember the day of his return.

What are reasons in this passage people do not put the coming day of the Lord on their calendar / look forward to it?

- 1. Many around us are skeptical about the coming of the day of the Lord (vs3-4). Skepticism is voiced on this. What percentage of people in this country are living today as if he could return today? This is evidence that the Bible is true and ironically confirms that his return is INDEED coming.
- 2. On a day to day basis it seems like everything is going along as normal (vs4). The sun came up today just like it did yesterday. God will intervene again as he did in creation and the flood.
- 3. It has been a long time since this promise has been made. Time is hard to understand for a three year old saying in a few months we go to Disneyland. That is like ultimately how time is for us compared to how God understands it. God desires all to be saved but not all will be saved, so how does that work with a Sovereign God? He is patient and wants sinners to come to repentance (preached the difference between God’s will of desire and God’s will of decree, like desiring never to harm your child but the greater desire to see them healed by chemotherapy).

Context: Tie to Previous Section	Flow: Summarize the flow in a few short sentences	Repeated, Key Words, Key Pronouns	Promises & Commands	What do we learn about God? How does Jesus fulfill this?
Look how these verses tie into chapter 1:3-4, 12: the promises here that he has in mind in chapter 3 are the promises of Christ’s glorious return that fill us with great hope and bring the power of God in us to live differently today for all life and godliness. He wants to remind them of this again 1:12 and 3:1-3 (Piper, “Where”).	False teachers wrongly say that Christ will not return again and that it is a spiritual return only and has happened already. Peter says no for 3 reasons (see arcing sections and the HOW section below)	V5 by the Word of God - exniliho God made the world out of nothing just by speaking this into existence and that same God holds it all together by the word of his voice today. Hebrews 1:3 - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,	Cv2 remember the OT and the commands of Jesus through the apostles. Pv4: there is the promise of his coming Pv7: judgment will fall on the ungodly v10 Jesus’ return with then come like a their when no one expects it, and this earth will pass away (for the new one to come)	V2 Jesus is Lord and Savior and gave us commandments. V5 God formed the earth by his word only. V6 God changed this word and the world flooded. V7 God is keeping fire of judgment for the ungodly. V8 God has a perfect view of time, unlike ours. V9 God is not slow to remember to do his promises. His patience leads to repentance. V10 God’s day is coming.
Implied WHY question(s): ground, inference, action/ purpose, action/result	Implied WHAT question(s): idea/explain, question/answer, positive/negative, series	Implied HOW question(s): action/manner, idea/explain	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
WHY are the false teachers’ arguments bad related to saying Christ will not return? 1. God’s past activity in creation and the flood shows that God will intervene again. He will intervene again as he has already done. 2. God sees time differently than we do.	WHAT is the false teachers’ argument that Peter rebuttals v4? The sun will come up tomorrow just like it always has, nothing will change, the second coming won’t happen, this earth will go on and is all there is.	HOW does Peter respond in three ways to the false teachers’ argument v5-8? 1. God made the earth and holds it together. 2. God intervened at the flood of judgment and broke the normal course of events (i.e. sunrise, sunset, etc.), 3. Just because he has not come back yet, don’t think that this is slow as God’s view of time is different and more comprehensive than ours. Repent now while time.	V2 We forget what is good and true and right V4 With the routines of earth like the sun coming up tomorrow, it feels like this world is solid and going to be around forever and that this could be all there is. V9 We do not have the patience God has and want all his promises filled right now or else we believe that they many not happen.	O, patient Creator and Sustainer of all things, we praise your name. We confess we forget the truth and buy plausible arguments of unbelief in your promises and character. Thank you that all your promises are true, Jesus’ commands are good, and his return is sure. We ask that the power of God would fill us with hope through your precious and very great promises that we are recounting and learning.

Arcing:			Passage: 2 Peter 3:11-13
Ground: Because this material world will be dissolved.		Ground	[11] Since all these things are thus to be dissolved,
Main (Action): While you wait for the Day of God (day of the Lord), live purified lives marked by holiness and godliness.		Main	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
Result (-): The coming of the Day of God (Action) brings fire to purify the material world.	Negative	Series	the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved,
		Series	and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!
Result (+): The coming of the Day of God (Action) brings the long promised new heavens and new earth where righteousness dwells.	Positive	Idea	[13] But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth
		Explain	in which righteousness dwells.

Peter references Isaiah in this passage: the New Heaven & Earth promised long ago will be incredible (Isaiah 60:22, 65:17, 66:22)

<p>Isaiah 65:17-25</p> <p>[17] “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. [18] But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. [19] I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. [20] No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. [21] They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. [22] They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;</p>	<p>for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. [23] They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. [24] Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. [25] The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.</p> <p>The Day of God (2 Peter 3:13): “What he before called the day of Christ (as it is everywhere called in Scripture) he now calls the day of God, and that rightly, for Christ will then restore the kingdom to the Father, that God may be all in all (Calvin p421). It’s as if Jesus will say, “Here, I successfully made the whole earth like the garden of Eden where the first Adam failed. I fulfilled the Creation Mandate, restated in the Great Commission, for your glory, O, Father.”</p>
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Outline continued:

IV. Contrary to the false teachers' notion, the Day of the Lord will come (continued).

HEADLINE: WHAT GREAT HOPE WE HAVE AND REASON TOO TO LIVE IN GODLY PATIENCE WHILE WE WAIT ON A SURE PROMISE OF A RESTORED CREATION.

Pastor Ryan, 5/30/21 - Living Today in Light of That Day. Intro: Wedding planning takes a long time and is a worthy day to plan. In the same way that an upcoming wedding is a call for action today in preparation, so live today while we wait for the Day of the Lord.

What actions are we called to until this glorious return and restoration occurs?

1. We live goodly and holy lives of hope in the promises of God. Why do we live holy? The If the earth is going away, and if its replaced by new, if it lasts, then why would you give yourselves to things that do not last. Living for things that do not last is the contrast here. Live and work in a way that these things last. Living for Christ, living godly and holy, IS living that matters and lasts. It accords with the things that last and not the things that will be burned up in purification. Finding identity through work or kid activities or wealth or recognition will be burned.
2. Try to hasten that coming day v12: Calling on others to repent and live for Jesus. That, humanly speaking, will speed things up. God has “delayed” in patience that more would repent - v9.
3. We are to wait. Three times this word is used in three verses. Waiting can feel like in-activity but it certainly is not. It is not like a traffic jam. This is a deliberate choice that I am going to wait. The coming day is fearful, but for believers it is one of great joy. Our future world will be physical. For those of us who are tired and weary of living in a broken world, this hope of the land in which righteousness dwells will set all things right. Isaiah 65:23 will be fulfilled that we bear children no longer just for calamity. This is a new universe devoid of brokenness. Because we know that to be true, we chose to wait - in godliness - telling others.

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<p>Context: “Because Jesus may not come back but certainly not soon, live as you want” - that is the message of the false teachers Peter is addressing here. “It is doubtful that either Christian steadfastness or Christian morality, let alone Christian spirituality and Christian eschatology, can long be maintained without the dominance of this vision (i.e. restored creation, Rom 8:18-15) (Beale 1061).</p> <p>Main (Action): While you wait for the Day of God (day of the Lord), live purified lives marked by holiness and godliness.</p> <p>Ground: Because this material world will be dissolved.</p> <p>Result (-): The coming of the Day of God (Action) brings fire to purify the material world.</p> <p>Result (+): The coming of the Day of God (Action) brings the long promised new heavens and new earth where righteousness dwells.</p>		<p>V10 THESE things: v9 earth and heavens</p> <p>V12 HOW do we “hasten” the day of the Lord? “Hastily to wait” is how Calvin translates it (Calvin 421). Beale takes a different view: “Their repentance and holy living may therefore, from the human standpoint, hasten its coming. This does not detract from God’s sovereignty in determining the time of the End..., but means only that his sovereign determination graciously takes human affairs into account (Beale 1061).</p> <p>V12 WHAT is the day of the Lord? - the new heavens and earth where righteousness dwells replacing the old.</p> <p>Promises & Commands: C-v11: be people whose lives are holy and godly marked by choosing to wait.</p> <p>P-v13: the day of God, the day of the Lord is promised, perfect justice (earth purified by fire) and restored material world in which righteousness dwells.</p>		<p>V11 God has power and the will to dissolve all things, purifying the earth.</p> <p>V12 He calls his people to be holy as he is holy and to live with godly character like his son (AND he gives his Spirit to his own to accomplish just that - Rom 8:1-5).</p> <p>V13 He makes promises so that we have reason to hope while we wait.</p>
Implied WHY question(s): ground, inference, action/purpose, action/result	Implied WHAT question(s): idea/explain, question/answer, positive/negative, series	Implied HOW question(s): action/manner, idea/explain	Confession: What do these verse say about my need or about me?	ACTS: Pray the verses back to God (Adore, Confess, Thank, Supplicate or Ask).
V11 WHY live lives of holiness and godliness while we wait? because the world will end (Ground vs 11), and live in the righteousness now as we will do in the replaced heavens/earth fully with our holy God. Godliness now is becoming of the place later in which righteousness will dwell.	<p>V12 WHAT happens on the day of the God? A. Earth burned away, B. New heavens and earth come in which righteousness dwells.</p> <p>V13 WHAT will it look like / what does it mean to be in a place where righteousness dwells? Purified, material world either by literal fire of cleansing fire. Romans 8:23 says it that these are birth pangs to the delivery of glory of children of sons of God.</p>	V13 HOW are we to wait? 1. Living holy lives. 2. By knowing promises - what and where he has promised these replaced heavens and earth. List some here as Revelation 21 is not the first time we learn this (see inset). There are about 20 passages in the OT that reference the Day of the Lord (Beale).	<p>We don’t like to wait and we are prone to selfishness and self-centeredness (opposite of the commands to godliness and holiness).</p> <p>We can grow weary of waiting and be preyed upon by false teachers who say live as you want today since he may never come back.</p> <p>We need to be reminded of promises because we forget that our hope is a grounded hope in real logic and truth.</p>	Almighty God who will purify all things and restore all things, we are in awe of you. Forgive us for being lax in eagerly awaiting your return and preparing for it today like a great wedding. Thank you for telling us how this will end and be restored to a material world where righteousness reigns. We ask God that we would be given courage to winsomely tell others that there is hope today for the day of God, one free of fear if they are your own.

Arcing:			Passage: 2 Peter 3:14-18
<p>Main (above v11-13): Because the heavens and earth will be purified and restored,</p> <p>Inference: wait with diligence in holiness and peace</p> <p>AND wait remembering God holds back that day so that more would be saved.</p> <p>Compare this same message in Paul's writings and how false teachers twist him too as they twist all scripture.</p>	Ground 1	Inference	[14] Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these,
	Main 1: We are commanded in HOW to wait.	Series: be diligent	be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.
		Series: count	[15] And count the patience of our Lord as salvation,
	Comparison (with Main 1): Paul also wrote this same thing and false teachers twisted him too like they do all other Scripture for their own destruction.	Comparison	just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,
		Comparison (Main)	[16] as he does in all his letters
		Temporal	when he speaks in them of these matters.
		Action (Idea, Explain)	There are some things in them
			that are hard to understand,
		Manner (Main, Comparison)	which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction,
			as they do the other Scriptures.
<p>Main (v14-16): Because false teachers twist our reasons to wait with holiness and peace and remember why God "delays",</p> <p>Inference: take care (-) not to follow false teachers into lawless instability, (+) but grow in both the grace of Jesus and the knowledge of him in all of Scripture so that he receives glory forever and while we wait.</p>	Action: You take care to do two things: not follow false teachers, grow.	Action	[17] You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care
		Negative: not follow false teachers	that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.
		Positive: grow	[18] But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
	Result: this results in glory due his name.	Result	To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Notes:

John Piper's arching of this sections: four series followed by an inference followed by another series:

1. We should regard this time before the second coming as a time of salvation. V14-15a
2. Peter puts Paul's writings on the same level as the inspired Old Testament. V15b-16b, 16f
3. Peter says there are things in there that even though inspired are hard to understand. V16c-d
4. There is destruction for getting this wrong. V17
5. Therefore be careful and know the word and grace of God. V18
6. All praise goes to Jesus. V18b

(Piper, "Grow")

Outline continued:

Concluding exhortations: Peter gives some final instructions.

HEADLINE: AS WE WAIT FOR CHRIST'S PROMISED RETURN, BE DILIGENT IN HOLINESS AND BE AT PEACE.

Pastor Ryan, 6/7/21 (dictated notes in the car to work 8/16/21, at Fayetteville, AK with Groezinger for the Triathlon)

Four commands are given to end this letter and summarize much of the letter:

1. Be diligent: Be diligent to be found in him blameless without blemish is a work of the Holy Spirit not in order to gain salvation. Even the power and the energy comes from him for his glory, and we are called to be diligent. Colossians 1.
2. Embrace his patience vs 15. Don't consider the delay between Christ's first coming and second coming as Jesus does not keep his promises. Rather, consider the patience of the Lord for salvation in mercy being extended.
3. Beware of the danger of false teachings that threatens to pull us away from Scripture. They subtly twist Scripture like Satan did with Jesus in the wilderness. Charles Spurgeon one said that discernment is not just being able to decide between right and wrong but rather between right and almost right.
4. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, vs 18. In the same way that in football the best defense is a great offense, pursue truth because you love Jesus as the best way to defend against false teachers.

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WHY are we to be diligent to live holy now? V11-14 Because that is how we wait for the new heavens and earth. WHY are we to take care and grow in grace? V17 Because false teachers will try to sway us from the promises of God just like the OT and Paul and the apostles and Jesus has said (v3:2 also).	WHAT does Peter feel his believing readers need to hear to counteract the false teaching about the end times v12-13 (the context for this section)? The simple message that the world will be burned up by fire, and we get a new one. The apostles spoke simply of the end and return of Christ, don't always overthink it with charts and graphs (Piper, "Grow").	HOW do we wait for his coming and the new heavens and earth? V14 being diligent to live holy AND at peace AND v17 watching for error AND v18 growing in grace and knowledge.	V14 we do not wait well and are not diligent in holiness or peace. V16 we give up on Paul's hard words or do a cursory reading of them to be duped into false teaching. V17 we get carried away and lose our stability. V18 it is easier to want to grow in God owing us not in his unmerited grace.	Father of all peace overflowing with grace and patient mercy we worship you in our eating. Forgive our unstable ways we have chosen. Thank you for the promise not just of the return of our Christ but the final judgment and restoration of all things in this material world made new. Help us to wait in peace. Help us to grow in grace and also the knowledge of your Son.



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