

Study 8

Read 2 Peter 3:14-18

SUMMARY OF THE PASSAGE

Throughout the letter, Peter has focused on the importance of true teaching from God's word, as opposed to the false teachings from imposters. One main topic that he has addressed is the "end of the world." In light of these two topics (God's word and the end times), Peter closes with practical instructions for his readers. They should maintain a life of holiness, peace, and hope, and they should be carefully studying the Scriptures so that they can grow in discernment, maturity, and knowledge.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 3:14–15 (NASB)—Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What "things" does Peter say we are looking (or waiting) for (3:14)?
2. How should we be found by God (3:14)?
3. What does Peter say we should equate with God's patience (3:15)?
4. Whose letters does Peter say can have parts that are difficult to understand (3:15–16)?
5. What do some people do with passages of the Bible that are harder to understand (3:16)?
6. What should Christians make sure does not happen because of false teachers (3:17)?
7. What does Peter command us to grow in (3:18)?

8. What does our current life have in common with our life in the new heavens and the new earth (3:18)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Is your life characterized by looking for the new heavens and a new earth? How can you tell?

What can you do to increase your eagerness or anticipation of eternity with God?

How have you seen the message of Scripture be distorted with destructive consequences?

What can you do to protect yourself from false doctrine and temptation?

What does it mean to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ? How can you do it?

1. Read 2 Peter 3:11-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. In light of total destruction, what does Peter say about us in verse 11?

3. What two things are we to be doing, according to verse 12?

4. What are we looking for, according to verse 13?

5. In light of these events, what are we supposed to do, according to verse 14?

6. How does Peter refer to Paul's writings, according to verse 16?

7. What warning is given in verse 17?

8. What are we commanded to do in verse 18?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Holy conduct and godliness ought to be top priorities in our lives.

LESSON #2: The present heavens and earth are going to be destroyed by fire.

LESSON #3: We need to be making every effort to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

LESSON #4: The two keys for winning in the game of life: (1) Be constantly on your guard and (2) Be constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.