

The Epistle of 2 Peter

- ▶ This letter is written to teach Christians that we must grow in order to make our calling and election sure. This will guard against false teaching that is so prevalent.

3:10 The manner of the Lord's coming

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”

3:11-13 How we ought to live in view of the day of the Lord

“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

{12} looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens 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 and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

3:14-16 Be diligent considering the day of the Lord and the prevalence of false teachers

“Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

{15} and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

{16} as also in all his epistles, 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.”

3:17-18 Final admonition to beware and to grow

“You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, 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.”