

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.

Review Questions

- ▶ Some false teachers today teach that adultery occurs in the process of the divorce proceedings and the new marriage ceremony and not in the sexual relationship. What in chapter 2 verse 14 contradicts that error?
- ▶ How are the false teachers like Balaam?
- ▶ What kind of speech do these false teachers use, 2:18?
- ▶ Had the false teachers at some time in the past been converted to the Lord?
- ▶ How would it have been better for them to have not known the way of righteousness than to have known it and then turn from it?

3:1-2 Be in remembrance of words of prophets & apostles

“Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

{2} that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,”

3:3-4 Scoffers mocking the idea of a second coming
“knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days,
walking according to their own lusts,

{4} and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For
since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were
from the beginning of creation.’”

3:5-7 Scoffers are willingly ignorant

“For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

{6} by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

{7} But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

3:8-9 True reason for the seeming delay in the Lord's coming

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

{9} The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

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.”