

Sunday March 27th 2011
The Second of Peter
Part Sixteen
Study Questions

1). 2Pe 3:13 *Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

a). What has the Holy Spirit through Peter drawn our attention to prior to this verse?

b). What then does He draw our attention to in this verse?

c). How would both of these relate to the scoffers?

d). Because of what the Holy Spirit tells us, what are we admonished to do and what would this look like?

2). What should we keep in mind concerning the length of the Lord's absence from the earth?

3). 2Pe 3:8 ¶ *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.*

a). How does the foundational pattern of Genesis Chapters 1 + 2 relate to the process that leads to the salvation of the soul?

b). Where in Peter have we previously seen this process referenced?

4). Apart from Peter who else had written to these people and what would we know about what was written?

5). *16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things,*

a). According to our scripture what has Paul written about in all his epistles?

b). What would 'these things' be?

c). What then should we learn about the writings of Paul and should we be surprised by this?

6). *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.*

a). How should we make sense of the 'some things hard to understand'?

b). Who would the untaught and the unstable be and what do they do with the hard things?

c). What else do they do?

d). What does our verse here tell us about Paul's writing?

7). *2Pe 3:17 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;*

a). What exactly do Peter's readers know beforehand?

b). What are they to do because of this foreknowledge?

c). What does it mean to beware?

d). How might we relate this to that which Paul said to the Ephesian elders and what was the consequence of the foreknowledge in that instance?

e). What is it that we might fall from?

f). What does it mean to be steadfast and where would we find our example?

g). What would it mean for us to be 'led away with the error of the wicked'?

h). What could this look like in practice and where would we find a good example that demonstrates this idea to us?

i). How is Paul's response to the situation at Antioch different from Barnabas's?

j). Why do you think it is so difficult to do that which is right and what is the danger in compromising?

8). *2Pe 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*

- a). Rather than being led away with the error of the wicked what are we to do instead?
- b). What idea is contained in the word 'grow'?
- c). Exactly what is our scripture telling us with regards to grace and knowledge?
- d). Where does this admonition take us back to and what does it show us about the overall structure of 2 Peter?
- e). Where do we find the companion scripture to this in Jude?
- f). What does Jude exhort us to do in v20?
- g). What would it mean for us to be building ourselves up?
- h). Where might we find reference to this in 1 Peter?
- i). How is faith connected to the spiritual warfare and what would we learn from this?
- j). Apart from building ourselves up what else does v20 tell us we are to do?
- k). What does it mean to pray in the Holy Spirit?
- l). What scripture do we have to help with this?
- m). What might this say to us about our prayer life?

9). Jude 1:21 *keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

a). What does the word 'keep' mean?

b). How are we to keep ourselves in the love of God and what scripture do we have to help with this?

c). What are we to be looking for and how would we explain this?

d). What comparable scripture do we see in 1 Peter for this?

e). What would you note about the overall structure of 2 Peter and Jude?

10). And so finally, do you have any comments to make about our study of 2 Peter?