



To Welcome the Day of the Lord

2 Peter 3:1-18

Our Prayer King of Kings, all authority on heaven and earth has been given to you. You have promised to return, and all nations will be brought before you. Work in our hearts so that we may await this day with eager anticipation. Use the truth of your coming to encourage us to carry out our witness to the world with urgency, and ground us more and more in you as our sure foundation, so that we may never fall from our secure position. Lead us daily to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, to him belongs the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Peter's Last Words

Chapter 2, verses 1-22

1. False teachers will come and introduce destructive heresies.
2. God knows how to rescue the righteous and hold the ungodly for judgment.
3. The false teachers are brute beasts to be rebuked, even if by beasts.
4. They are worse off than before if they have fallen from the faith.

Jesus Did Not Lie

Chapter 3, verses 1-9

Think About It...

Share a story of something that tests your patience.

Know It.

1. Again we see Peter's emphasis on remembering and recalling. What does Peter tell his audience to remember?

2. What three “events” does Peter note? How does he say those events came about?
3. Explain verses 8 and 9.

Grow In It!

1. The scoffers say: “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” Have you seen or experienced that attitude among people today?
2. In what ways do people “deliberately forget” creation and the flood?
3. Describe some times when your own perception was that God was “slow in keeping his promises.” What comfort for those times do you find in verses 8 and 9?

Look Forward and Be Ready

Chapter 3, verse 10-16

Think About It...

Why is an athletic stance important in sports?
Why is a “spiritual” stance important in life?

Know It.

1. Verse 10 describes the day of the Lord. Elaborate on the following phrases:
 1. “like a thief”
 2. “with a roar”
 3. “destroyed by fire” and “laid bare”

2. Peter encourages us to “speed its coming” or be eager for the day of God to come. Why would we want to do that?
3. Note that Peter tells us to “make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with him.” For whose sake is this?
4. What points do you note as you hear Peter describe some of Paul’s letters?

Grow In It!

1. Agree/ Disagree: It is important for us to know exactly what will happen on the Day of the Lord so that we will be able to recognize it.
2. How does the reality that the Day of the Lord is coming change not only your perspective on life, but also the way you will live your life?

Grow and Grow!

Chapter 3, verses 17-18

Think About It...

What result does neglect bring?

Know It!

1. In verse 17 Peter what things does Peter express are already true?
2. What danger does Peter emphasize?
3. What prevention plan does Peter lay out?

Grow In It!

1. Read the following statement and formulate a response based on what we have learned from 2 Peter; both this section and the book as a whole.

“Jesus is very clear: Everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. I believe in Jesus. I have eternal life. Is it important for me to attend worship services and be a part of a church? Is it important for me to study the Bible? Why?”

2. Over the last several weeks, what words, verses, or thoughts from 2 Peter have helped you personally to “grow in the knowledge of Christ” the most? List 3 and share with your group.

Your Prayer

