

II PETER

Background Information

Writer

Peter the apostle (1:1)

Recipients

Written to the same group of Christians as I Peter (3:1)

Date

Around A. D. 66 (After I Peter [63-65] and before his death [67-68])

Theme

Warn Christians of false teachers

Brief outline

Growing in grace 1:1-11

Grounded in truth 1:12-21

Guarded against false teachers 2:1-22

Glorying in Christ's coming 3:1-18

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II Peter 1

II Peter 1:20-21

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 1:20-21

Read – II Peter 1:1-4

Examine –

1. Who wrote the book?
2. How does the writer describe himself?
3. To whom is the book written?
4. How is faith obtained?
5. What is the writer's desire for his readers?
6. How will this be accomplished?
7. What pertaining to life and godliness is given to believers?
8. Through what knowledge can we live godly?
9. To what have we been called?
10. What are we given exceedingly?
11. Of what might we be partakers?
12. What have we escaped?
13. According to these verses, of what are we to be knowledgeable?

Apply-

Peter wrote this epistle to those who had obtained like precious faith. With this in mind, is this epistle written to you?

According to verse 3 we have been given everything we need to live Godly. Are you using these resources and living Godly today?

Does your life evidence a divine nature?

List some of these "evidences" in your life.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 1:20-21

Read – II Peter 1:5-8

Examine –

1. How many qualities are we to add to our life?
2. How does verse 5 teach that we should add these qualities?
3. What is the foundational quality that we should seek?
4. Write the simple meaning of each quality in verses 5-7. Use a concordance / dictionary.
 - a. Faith =
 - b. Virtue =
 - c. Knowledge =
 - d. Temperance =
 - e. Patience =
 - f. Godliness =
 - g. Brotherly Kindness =
 - h. Charity =
5. Besides being in us, what should be true about these qualities in our lives?
6. What is the result of having these qualities in our life?

Apply-

Do you possess any of the qualities listed here?

Do they abound or just barely exist?

Are you diligently adding these to your life?

List the qualities that you need to work on in your life.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 1:20-21

Read – II Peter 1:9-11

Examine –

1. How does Peter describe the person who does not have the qualities listed in the previous verses?
2. What has he forgotten?
3. Explain what you think Peter is teaching about the believer's assurance of salvation.

4. To what are we to give diligence?
5. How do we do this?
(Hint: note the first three words of the verse.)
6. What will happen if we do these things?
 - Note: Peter is not teaching that eternal life is gained by these qualities but rather that these gain our assurance of salvation and outward testimony. Remember, God does look on the heart, but man still looks on the outward appearance (1 Sam 16:7).
7. How is our entrance into Heaven described?
8. What two words does Peter use to describe Jesus Christ?

Apply-

Can you link doubts of your salvation to times in your life when you were away from God?

Will you receive an abundant entrance into Heaven?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 1:20-21

Read – II Peter 1:12-15

Examine –

1. Was Peter teaching these believers something new?
2. How often were the believers supposed to remember these teachings?
3. Do you think these believers were new converts?
4. Why or why not?
5. Why do you think Peter wanted to remind them?
6. What did Peter mean by “this tabernacle”?
7. How much longer did Peter believe he had to live?
8. Why did he believe this?
9. Why did Peter keep reminding the believers of the same things?

➤ Note: Have you ever heard the old proverb “repetition aids learning?” It’s true - repetition does aid learning.

Apply-

Just as Peter constantly reminded the believers of the Lord’s teaching, so your parents and teachers are constantly reminding you of things they have taught you. This is not because they think that you are stupid. They are constantly reminding you so that when you are older you will not be able to forget.

When was the last time you thanked a teacher or your parents for instilling Bible principles into your life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 1:20-21

Read – II Peter 1:16-18

Examine –

1. What did the apostles make known?
2. From where did the apostles get the doctrines that they taught?
3. Did they believe anything and everything that they heard?
4. Of what was Peter an eyewitness?
5. Who received honor and glory from God?
6. What did the voice from God say?
7. How does Peter refer to the speaker in verse 17?
 - Note: This is one of the many evidences we find in the Scriptures of Christ's deity.
8. What was God the Father's opinion of His Son?
9. According to verse 18, from where did this voice come?
10. When did Peter hear this voice?
11. To what event, recorded in the gospels, is Peter referring?
 - a. Peter refers to more than one eyewitness of this voice that he heard. Who were the other witnesses?
 - b. The Holy mount to which Peter refers is often called the Mount of Transfiguration. Which mountain in Israel is this?

Apply-

Are you telling others about Christ's coming?

Could God say that He is well pleased with you and the way you are living?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 1:20-21

Read – II Peter 1:19-21

Examine –

1. What do we have?
2. Of what is this more sure?
 - Note: Peter is teaching that the Word of God is more sure than his eyewitness account of the transfiguration. This is a very powerful argument for the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures.
3. How are we to respond to this Word?
4. To what is the Word compared?
5. Where does a light shine?
6. Who is the Day Star?
7. Where will the Day Star arise?
8. Who can know the interpretation of Scripture?
 - Note: Some religions teach that only clergy (preachers) can understand the Scriptures. However, this verse clearly teaches that all believers can understand what God has said in His Word.
9. Who penned the Scriptures?
10. Who told these men what to write?
11. What popular movement today puts more value on personal “eyewitness” experience than on the Words of God?

Apply-

Do you believe the Bible is God’s Word?

Does your life show this belief?

Are you taking heed?

Are you reading God’s Word so that you can understand God’s message to you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 1:20-21

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Has God not given us as Christians anything that would help us to live Godly?
2. The word "knowledge" is used several times in this passage. What are we supposed to know?
3. What will cause a believer to be barren or unfruitful?
4. What does Peter teach will give a believer an assurance of salvation?
5. Why does Peter keep reminding his readers of the same things?
6. Of what New Testament event was Peter an eyewitness?
7. What did God say that confirms the deity of Jesus Christ?
8. What is more sure than personal experience?
9. Why?

Apply-

Would Christ think that you are living a godly life?

- According to verse 3, you don't have an excuse!

Are you diligently adding the qualities Peter mentioned to your life?

Do you base your life on the Word of God or on your feelings?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

II Peter 2

II Peter 2:19

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

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Weekly memory verse – II Peter 2:19

Read – II Peter 2:1-3

Examine –

1. What kind of people does Peter say were among the people in the past?
2. Will they be among his readers?
3. What will these false prophets do?
4. How will they do this?
5. Who will they deny?
6. What did the Lord do for them?
7. What will happen to them?
8. How will the people respond to these false prophets?
9. How will the truth be treated?
10. What does Peter say the false prophets will do to his readers?
11. How will they do this?
12. When is judgment coming to the false prophets?

Apply-

How can you as a Christian arm yourself against false prophets? (Hint: Review last week's devotions.)

Even today there are many false teachers trying to turn us away from the truth of the Word of God. These false teachers use many appealing and seemingly harmless methods in order to force their false doctrines on us. The only way we will be able to combat them is through the Word of God. Are you making the Word of God a part of your daily life?

If not, why not start today?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 2:19

Read – II Peter 2:4-8

Examine –

1. Who did God not spare in verse 4?
2. Where did he cast them?
3. To what did he deliver them?
4. For what are they reserved?
5. What did God not spare in verse 5?
6. Who did God save?
7. How does Peter describe Noah?
8. What punishment did God bring upon the ungodly?
9. What two cities did God condemn?
10. To whom are these cities an example?
11. Who did God deliver from these cities?
12. How does Peter describe the conversation (lifestyle) of the wicked?
13. How was Lot's soul affected while living in these cities?
14. According to these verses, do you think that Lot was saved or lost?
15. Why?

Apply-

God destroyed three groups of people because of disobedience. These are an example to us today. Are you heeding these examples or are you disregarding them thinking that you will be the exception to the rule?

Lot is an example to us as well. Is your life miserable because you are living in sin?

You can't keep company with the wrong crowd and not be affected by their deeds. Do you need to change the friends you hang out with?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 2:19

Read – II Peter 2:9-11

Examine –

Note: Remember that verse 9 is in context with verses 4-8.

1. From what does the Lord deliver the godly?
2. For what day are the unjust reserved?
3. What will happen on this day?

Note: The “them” in verse 10 refers both to the false teachers in verse 1 and the unjust in verse 9, linking the two together as the same.

4. After what are the false prophets walking (living)?
5. What do they despise?
6. Define presumptuous.
7. According to yesterday and today’s passages, on what can we base our assurance of verses 9-10?

Note: Most commentators agree that the word “dignities” refers to fallen angels or demons. These false teachers are so proud and self-confident that they dare to speak evil of and even challenge the devil and his angels. Even the angels in Heaven which are more powerful than Satan’s angels don’t challenge them. (cf Jude 8-10)

Apply-

The context of verses 4-10 teaches that while it may seem like false teachers are getting away with their sin, God will indeed punish them. Even though it may seem like you are getting away with your sin, God will punish you.

Do you think that you are spiritual enough to handle temptation?

Look up 1 Cor. 10:12 and Rom 13:14.

How do these verses apply to 2 Peter 2 and the previous question?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 2:19

Read – II Peter 2:12-16

Examine –

1. How does Peter describe false teachers in verse 12?
2. Of what do they speak evil?
3. What will happen to them?
4. What reward will false teachers receive?
5. Peter describes them as spots and blemishes. What did he mean by this?

6. With what are they sporting themselves?
7. Of what are their eyes full?
8. What can their eyes not stop?
9. How have they exercised their heart?
10. What have they forsaken?
11. Who have they followed?
12. What did Balaam love?
13. What animal did God use to rebuke Balaam?
14. What was unusual about this animal?

Apply-

Read the passage again and see if any of these descriptions would fit you.

This passage is a warning to Christians as well that we will reap what we sow.

How have you forsaken the right way in order to follow the way of your friends?

Spend some time alone with God and commit yourself to follow His way even if it means you will lose some of your friends.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 2:19

Read – II Peter 2:17-19

Examine –

1. What two-word pictures does Peter use to describe false prophets in verse 17?
 - A.
 - B.
2. What is reserved for them?
3. How long will this darkness last?
4. What kind of words do they speak?
5. Through what two ways do they allure?
 - A.
 - B.
6. Who do they allure?
7. What do they promise?
8. Are they free themselves?
9. Of what are they servants?
10. If they are servants, can they offer freedom?
11. To whom is a man in bondage?

Apply-

How would others characterize your speech?

What sin seems to constantly overcome you?

If you do not want to be in bondage to sin, surrender your life to Christ and begin experiencing the freedom that only He can offer. (See Romans 6-8)

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 2:19

Read – II Peter 2:20-22

Examine –

1. How did they escape the pollutions of the world?
Note: Peter indicates in these verses that these false prophets claimed to know God and indeed did intellectually. However, their knowledge was not a heart knowledge, and therefore they did not truly believe.
2. In what did they become entangled?
3. Were they better off in the beginning or in the end?
4. Explain:
5. What was given to them?
6. How did they respond?
7. What proverb does Peter quote?
8. Explain in your own words what this proverb means.

Apply-

Luke 12:48 "...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." This truth is exemplified in this passage. God holds the person who has heard the gospel and rejected it to a higher plain of accountability than someone who has never heard. This is also true of Christians. The more we are under the preaching and teaching of the Word of God the more we are accountable for.

Are you living in light of what you know about God and what you know from His Word?

Does the Proverb that Peter quoted describe you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 2:19

Read – Review

Examine –

1. What is Peter warning his readers about in this chapter?
2. Will false prophets be popular?
3. Will God judge false prophets?
4. List the three examples Peter gives of God’s judgment.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
5. What lesson can we learn from Lot?
6. What two truths about God can we learn from verse 10?
 - A.
 - B.
7. Explain what Peter meant when he said that false prophets are “presumptuous” and “self-willed” (Arrogant)?
8. What will happen to these false prophets?
9. What do false prophets offer to people when they don’t even possess it themselves?
10. According to these chapters, are these false prophets most likely saved or lost?

Apply-

Who are you following - the popular opinions of the day or the Word of God?

If God judged the angels that sinned, the world in Noah’s day, and Sodom and Gomorrah do you think that He will let you get away with your sin?

What are you offering to people around you?

If you are offering freedom, do you possess it yourself?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

II Peter 3

II Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 3:18

Read – II Peter 3:1-4

Examine –

1. What is he stirring up in them?
2. How is he doing this?
3. What epistle is this he is writing?
4. Of what is he reminding them?
5. What does he call the prophets?
6. Who else has spoken to them?
7. When will these people come?
8. What are they called?
9. After what do they walk?
10. What are they saying?
11. Who has fallen asleep?

Note: The phrase falling asleep in the Bible means that they have died. (John 11:11-14)

12. What is continuing on?
13. How long have they been doing this?

Apply-

Define Scoffers –

Are you a scoffer?

Do you ever catch yourself wondering if all these things are true?

Ask God to forgive you for not believing!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 3:18

Read – II Peter 3: 5-7

Examine –

1. Reread the first four verses. Is this a willful choice or a mistake?
2. How did the heavens get old?
3. Where was the earth standing?
4. What happened to the earth?
5. How did it perish?
6. Read Genesis 7:11. From what two places did the water come?
7. Read Genesis 7:19-20. How much of the earth was covered?
Note: The purpose of this reminder is to point out that God judged the earth before.
8. II Peter 3:7 is talking about which heaven and earth?
9. For what is it kept in store?
10. How will He destroy it this time?
11. The word Perdition means “the destruction that consists of eternal misery in Hell.” For whom is this reserved?

Apply-

Do you believe that God is ready to judge the earth?

What or how are you living to prepare yourself and others for this impending doom?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 3:18

Read – II Peter 3: 8-10

Examine –

1. Of what should we not be ignorant?

2. With whom will we be?

Note: Many have used this verse out of context, but I think the main point of the verse is that God is not subject to time. (Psalms 90:4)

3. In what is God not slack?

4. What is God toward us?

5. What is God not willing?

6. What does He want for all?

7. What will come?

8. How will it come?

9. How will the heavens pass away?

10. What will melt with fervent heat?

11. What two things will be burnt up?

Apply-

We will have no other warning that God is coming except what He has already given us. What did you do today or yesterday of which God would not have approved?

Have you asked for His forgiveness?

Were there things you would have been ashamed of if He had come?

We need to be prepared to meet God!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 3:18

Read – II Peter 3: 11-13

Examine –

1. What will be dissolved?
2. What are all these things?
3. How should we be acting as a result of this?
4. What kind of conversation should we have?
5. Define Conversation –
6. How else should we live?
7. For what should we be looking?
8. Once again, what will happen to the elements and the earth?
9. For what do we look?
10. Why do we look for this?
11. What will dwell in the new place?

Apply-

If we should be holy as a result of His coming, and we will be living in righteousness in the future, doesn't it make sense for us to practice this now?

Are you living holy?

What is unholy in your life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 3:18

Read – II Peter 3:14-15

Examine –

1. What term of affection does Peter use for his readers?
2. What does he assume the readers are doing?
3. How should they be doing these things?
4. What three things should we be in Him when He comes?

5. What character quality of God is mentioned here?
6. What is this to others?
Fact: The fact that God is longsuffering is giving more people time to be saved.
7. What other apostle does Peter mention?
8. How does Peter talk about him?
9. How did Paul write?
10. Read Romans 2:4. What leads us to repentance?

Apply-

To live in peace, without spot and blameless is a tall order. How are you doing on each one of these?

Jude 24 tells us God can accomplish this in us if we will let Him!

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 3:18

Read – II Peter 3:16-18

Examine –

1. How many times does Paul mention this?
2. What is hard to be understood?
3. What two groups of people wrest the Scriptures?
Note – The word wrest means to twist or turn Scripture.
4. What does this do for them?
5. Because they know these things they should _____.
6. What could lead them away?
7. From what could they fall?
8. They each should _____.
9. In what two areas should they do this?
10. What should be to our Lord?
11. For how long should this be?

Apply-

Are you careful at how you interpret the Scriptures?

How are you led away by the error of the wicked?

How are you growing?

Growing in Christ-likeness is the only way to ensure that we don't get caught in the wicked ways?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – II Peter 3:18

Read – II Peter - Review

Examine –

1. What does Peter want to stir up in his readers?
2. What will come in the last days?
3. What do they assume to be true?
4. Of what are they willingly ignorant?
5. How did God destroy the earth the first time?
6. How will He destroy it the second time?
7. According to verse 8, what does not restrict God?
8. How will the day of the Lord come?
9. What will one day be new?
10. We are to diligently be what three things when He comes?
11. Are there some things in the Bible that are hard to understand?
12. What could make you fall from your steadfastness?
13. What should we be doing in grace?

Apply-

What are some things that this chapter reminded you of? List them below:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Reach your **PEAK** potential for God through ...

P – Personal Relationships

E – Equipping for the future

A – Accountability

K – Kindling a relationship with God

