1 2 Peter Study

Men of Grace

March 24, 2009 2 Peter 3:1-10

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2 Tentative Outline

1:1-2 Greeting

1:3-11 God grace is the foundation for spiritual

1:12-21 Peter's reminder of the truth of Christ's

2:1-22 The reality, nature and judgment of the

3:1-10 Peter's reminder of the certainty of

3:11-18 Encouragement to live godly lives as Coming and the Day of the Lord

growth and perseverance Second Coming

false teachers

Christ's Second Coming

we look forward to Christ's Second

3 The Last Days

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5 2 Peter 3:3-4

The Problem: Scoffers

What's their argument?
 Jesus isn't coming to judge. Life will go on the way it always has.

2. What's driving their argument?

They want an excuse to "follow their own sinful desires."

6 2 Peter 3:5-9

Response #1 (v. 5-7):

Remember the Flood!

Response #2 (v. 8-9a):

God views time differently than we do.

Response #3 (v. 9b):

God is being patient to allow for your repentance.

7 The Last Days

8 2 Peter 3:10

Main Point: The Day of the Lord will come!

- --like a thief
- --the heavens

-will "pass away with a roar"

-the heavenly bodies will be "burned

up" and "dissolved"

--the earth and its works will be "exposed"

- 9 🖾 A New Heavens and a New Earth
- 10 A New Heavens and a New Earth
- 11 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

12 Matthew 13: 24-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 " 'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

29 " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "

13 Matthew 13: 24-43 (continued)

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

14 Matthew 24:36-42

36 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

15 2 Peter 3:11

Main Point: Judgment is coming! So, what sort of people ought you to be?

A people fit for a new creation in which righteousness dwells

16 Titus 2:13-14

We wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do

¹ This is now the second letter

that I am writing to you, beloved.

In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind

by way of reminder,

that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior

through your apostles.

knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing,

following their own sinful desires.

They will say,

"Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were

from the beginning of creation."

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they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago,

and

the earth was formed out of water and through water

by the word of God.

⁶ and that <u>by means of these</u> the world that then existed was deluged

with water

and perished.

⁷ And by the same word

the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and *destruction* of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved,

that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years,

and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise

as some count slowness.

but

He is patient toward you,

not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,

and then

the heavens will pass away with a roar,

and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved,

and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.