2 Peter Series - Growing in the Knowledge of the Lord

“Answering The Scoffers”

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2 Peter 3:8-9

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Introduction:

A. The Bible repeatedly speaks of the promise and warning of ______ ______, but how seriously are we looking for that coming?

B. I’m fascinated by the way we get so wrapped up in end times things and ______ prophesies.

C. Peter is concerned that his readers grow in the ______ of the ______.

D. Just like in Peter’s day, we are surrounded by people who refuse to take the Bible seriously when it speaks about Christ’s ______ and the ______.

I. God’s ______ Is ______. (3:1-4)

A. Peter wrote this second letter to awaken his readers and ______ them of the ______ they already knew.

B. By denying the second coming, the scoffers were denying the truth of the ______, the teaching of ______ and the writings of the ______.

C. A scoffer is someone who treats ______ that which ought to be taken ______.

D. If your lifestyle contradicts the Word of God, then you must either change your ______ or change the ______ of God.

II. God’s ______ Is ____________.

A. All Peter did was remind them of what God has done in the _____ to make the point that God’s work is consistent throughout the _____.

B. Peter cited two events in history to prove his point - God’s work in ______ and the ______.

C. Peter proved his point - God has intervened in the course of history in cataclysmic ways and He has ______ to do it again.

III. God’s ______ Is ____________.

A. The scoffers were not only ignorant of what God had ______ in the past, but they were ignorant of what God was ______.

B. Peter explained that God’s delay was to give more people the opportunity to be ______.

C. We don’t know _____ Christ will return, but we know that He will, and we are told ______ and _______ will happen. (1 Thess. 4:15-17)

Conclusion:

A. God has given us this ______ for salvation, we are not guaranteed _____.