

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 _____ prophecies.
- 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 _____.

Answer Key: Intro. A. Christ’s, coming. B. doomsday. C. knowledge, Lord. D. return, judgment. I. Word, True. I.A. remind, truths. I.B. prophets, Jesus, apostles. I.C. lightly, seriously. I.D. lifestyle, Word. II. Work, Consistent. II.A. past, ages. II.B. Creation, Flood. II.C. promised. III. Will, Merciful. III.A. done, like. III.B. saved. III.C. when, how, what. Concl.A. moment, more.