



## 2 Peter

### With Anticipation – Part 1

Session 15

“I’ve read the last page of the Bible, and it’s all going to turn out all right”. *By Billy Graham*

Peter dealt with the character and conduct of the apostates in 2 Peter 2, and now he deals with their fake teaching. Peter affirms the certainty of Christ’s coming in his glory.

Question: Why do people scoff in believing that Christ will in fact return again? Do you believe it to be true?

Read 2 Peter 3:1-2

Peter says he wants to stimulate his reader to wholesome thinking, someone who is pure of heart.

Question: How is your heart? Does it reflect a man who is wholesome? Read Matt. 5:8. They will see God.

Read 2 Peter 3:3-4

God’s Word is true, and we must pay attention to it and take it seriously. We also need to teach new converts the Word of God in the doctrines of faith. Time is getting close to the end. Read Romans 13:11-14.

Question: Does this awaken us to live godly lives and help seek to win the lost?

A scoffer is someone who treats lightly that which ought to be taken seriously. The people in Noah’s day scoffed at the idea of judgement.

Question: Why do you think people scoff at the idea that there will be a final judgement?

Read 2 Peter 3:5-7

Peter cited two events in history to prove his point. Verse 5 talks about the work of God's creation. Verse 6 talks about the flood in Noah's day.

Question: How does this affirm your faith knowing God is totally in control of the world and its events?

God promised the world would never be covered with water again. The next judgement will be fire as it states in verse 7.

The prophets of doom today are not only preachers and evangelists, but sociologists, ecologists, and atomic scientists.

Question: So why the delay? How does it affirm you in your faith that God is waiting patiently for the last person to come into the fold?

Read 2 Peter 3:8-10

Our God is eternal. Eternity is not just extended time. Rather, it is existence above and apart for time. Read Ps. 90:4.

Question: God is never in a hurry. So why do we expect Him to move quickly in how the end should be? As if we have any control.

God's "delay" is actually an indication that He has a plan for this world and that He is working His plan.

Question: God promises knowledge and truth to all who are saved. Read 1 Timothy 2:4. God shows mercy to all mankind. How is your journey in knowledge and truth?

Question: Am I living for a destined atomic cloud to vanish forever? Or am I doing the will of God so that my works will glorify Him forever?

Assignment: Examine your life. Will it hold up before Jesus in the obedience he has placed upon you?

Next week: 2 Peter 3:11-18 Be diligent!