

2PeterWeek16 “He’s Coming Back”

Community Group Questions

1. Do you feel like you have a good idea of how the end times events will unfold?
2. How do you feel our society responds to a Biblical worldview?
3. Do you feel that you are patient with those that do not believe?
4. What do you feel that you are doing on a daily basis that has eternal value?

In our last message of the series the text ends in a very appropriate way...Jesus is coming back!

Peter starts with...

The Reminder Vrs 1-2 Peter is reminding them that this is the second letter he has written to them and he is also reminding them of what the predictions of the prophets in regards to the 2nd coming of Christ. As believers in Christ the Bible teaches us the Jesus is coming back. We believe that He is coming back and when He does He will take all those that believe up to heaven with Him

Do you remember the way the events of the end times will unfold?
Well if you don't let me remind you.
“Timeline of End Times Events”

Just as Peter reminds them that Jesus is coming back he warns them that what they are experiencing now is to be expected...that is that people will mock them because of their belief in Jesus the belief the He is coming back and he calls those people...

The Scoffers Vrs 3-7

This is how they will mock...

-Follow after their sinful desires Vrs 3

Here is what happens, all people have sinful desires and rather than calling those things sin they justify their sin because they love it. But eventually at some point their sin is pointed out, by God's Word or maybe by God's people and they get offended. In their offense they leverage a war against anyone who says what they are doing is sin. So they attack...I can tell you that I know people that hate the church because of this, they feel the church oppresses them, or judges them. So what do we do? Jesus said love Him and love others. That does not mean we excuse sin it means we deal with all people in the most loving way we can, no matter what the sin is...because remember we all sin and the only way we are delivered from it is because Jesus loved us...GOSPEL

The other end of the spectrum are not people that are in love with their sin they just don't see the evidence of God in this world.

-Lack of evidence Vrs 4-6 Some will mock because Jesus has not come back yet. They look at Christians and think we are fools because we believe the Jesus is coming back. Then verse 5 lets us know that in their unbelief they will attack basic teachings of the Bible like creation. Peter calls the creation a "fact" and that it was by God. People that do not believe feel that attributing creation to God is a lack of evidence...oddly enough believe that all of creation came into existence by chance is more substantial evidence.

The third group is an interesting one because they have bought into the lie that there is no judgment and we are all our own judges.

-Overlooks judgment Vrs 7

They love to say things like...its all about love or God is love. This is true but we can't ignore that with love comes judgment. I have said this before...would you think a judge was a good and loving judge if they let the person that murdered your parent or child off with no consequence? For God to truly be loving sin must be paid for and the

way it is identified is standing before the judge...the one that makes the rules. People that mock think they only answer to themselves.

Peter reminds them of the second coming, warns them that people will mock then he encourages them with...

The Guarantee Vrs 8-9

Peter realizes it can get very discouraging to live in a world in which people mock, by way of encouragement he reminds them that the 2nd coming is guaranteed and teaches them 2 things they should believe and can share with others.

-God does not operate on our time Vrs 8 This is not a passage to say the every time the Bible says day it can mean a 1000 year period, it is illustrating that God is not constrained by time and does not have an obligation to bow to our time requests. Don't confuse the lapse of time with thinking...God does not care...God is not keeping His promises or God is not there.

The second thing is

-God's disposition of grace. Vrs 9 God's basic disposition toward fallen humanity. God takes no delight in the fact that people reject Him, He takes no delight in punishing sin. Verse 9 is illustrating that God has patience.

So as Christians we should take our cue and know because Jesus has not come back we should getting the message of Jesus out.

Now Peter goes into...

The Details Vrs 10-13

No one knows when it will happen "like a thief in the night" I think Peter uses this metaphor because he is communicating preparedness. Think about it tonight before you go to sleep it is likely that you will lock your doors. Why? In case a thief comes in the night. Some of you

are like I don't think about stuff like that so I don't lock my doors. But what if I were to say...hey I overheard someone say they were planning to rob your house tonight, what would you do? You would lock the doors or get a gun...why? You want to be prepared.

In the same way Peter is saying as Christians we need to be prepared by doing good and spreading the Gospel because we don't know when Jesus will come.

So what are the details of His 2nd coming?

2 Things...

-We will stand in judgment and be rewarded for the good we did. 1 Cor 3:15 Saved as by fire 2 Cor 5:10 Rewarded for good "The Bema Seat" In Corinth the was "Bema Seat" in which a judge would sit and award athletes based on competition.

-New heaven and earth. This earth and the current heaven will be made new and this is the promise we have.

That said the final point makes perfect sense...

The Christian Response Vrs 14-18

-Live holy lives. Vrs 14

-Realize today matters when it comes to spreading the GOSPEL. Vrs 15

-Don't be deceived. Vrs 16-17

-Remember people that do not believe have a hard time understanding these things and some will twist the truth. Don't let their instability rattle your faith and make you unstable.

-Grow Vrs 18

