

Dying Words (A Series on 2 Peter)

"What kind of people ought you to be?"

2 Peter 1-3

2 PETER

1 A FINAL CHALLENGE

TO THE CHURCHES ASIA MINOR (SEE 2 PETER 1:1) (2 PETER 2:1)

PETER'S FAREWELL SPEECH

I KNOW I DON'T HAVE LONG! (1:14)

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...AND THIS IS THE TRUE CHRISTIAN HOPE!

CONCLUSION!

DON'T MY TWIST WORDS!

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PETER'S PASSIONATE CONVICTION:

GOD LOVES THE WORLD & IS DETERMINED TO RESCUE IT.

HE MUST CONFRONT & DEAL WITH EVIL TO OPEN THE WAY FOR A NEW FUTURE.

2 WARNINGS ABOUT CORRUPT LEADERS' WAY OF LIFE...

2:1-3 OBJECTION #2: THERE WON'T BE A FINAL RECKONING!

REBELLIOUS ANGELS (1 ENOCH, GENESIS 6)

2:4-11 THREE ANCIENT EXAMPLES OF DIVINE JUSTICE

THE FLOOD (GENESIS 6-8)

SODOM & GOMORRAH (GENESIS 19)

LOT

GOD DELIVERS PEOPLE

3 ...& THEIR DISTORTED THEOLOGY

3:1-4 OBJECTION #3: WHEN IS JESUS PROMISED RETURN?

GENERATIONS COME & GO...

3:5-9 THE UNIVERSE EXISTS BECAUSE OF GOD'S INTERVENING WORD

WHEN IS JESUS PROMISED RETURN?

SO WHY DOES GOD TAKE SO LONG?!

OUR CONCEPT OF TIME IS LIMITED

GOD IS PATIENT

3:10-13 THE DAY OF THE LORD

SEE ISAIAH 34, ZEPHANIAH 3

3:10 "THE HEAVENS WILL PASS AWAY & THE EARTH WILL BE BURNED UP"

SO THAT THE EARTH & ALL ITS WORKS ARE EXPOSED.

GREEK STOICHEIA WILL MELT BY FIRE...

GOD'S PURPOSE:

1 "ELEMENTS" THE UNIVERSE DISSOLVES

2 "HEAVENLY BODIES" A QUOTE FROM ISAIAH 34:4

• NOT TO SCRAP THE UNIVERSE

• TO EXPOSE EVIL & REMOVE IT

NEW HEAVEN & EARTH

METAPHOR: THE SKY IS "PEELED BACK" BEFORE GOD

2:12-22 THE TEACHERS' CORRUPT WAY OF LIFE

IN REALITY, THEY'RE SLAVES TO THEIR BODILY IMPULSES.

WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST... SAYS PAUL!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

THEY'RE LIKE THE PROVERB: (26:11)

THE DOG

THE PIG

YOU!

...WHICH FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES.

ISAIAH 2

JEREMIAH

ZEPHANIAH

WE SAW JESUS EXALTED AS KING OF THE WORLD...

YOU APOSTLES MADE ALL THIS UP!

A MEMORIAL OF PETER'S TEACHINGS... TO LATER GENERATIONS...

2 PETER 1

2 PETER 2

2 PETER 3

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2 Peter as a “Recombobulation Area”

- A reminder of our _____ with Christ.
- A renewed call to growing in discipleship and character.
- A field book for recognizing and resisting false teaching.
- A vision of our true hope.

“What kind of people ought you to be?” Christians (and a watching world) need people who can answer that question from a Christ-centered perspective and who are seeking to pursue the content of the _____.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. After a time or experience of high stress, how do you “recombobulate”?

3. Read 2 Peter 1:12-15. How would you describe the letter’s purpose?

4. Read 2 Peter 2:1-3. Peter has a lot of tough things to say about the false teachers. It can feel very negative. What are the positives you can find in this passage?

5. Read 2 Peter 3. List the realities we can set our hope on and explain which of these resonates most with you.