

# **The Letters of Peter: 2 Peter 3**

*Sunday, November 20 and Wednesday, November 23*

## **Verses 1 – 4**

- What information is provided in Verse 1 regarding the audience for this letter?
- Summarize Peter's message in Verses 1 – 2. How does Peter describe his purpose for writing this letter? (*John 14: 25 – 26; 1 Corinthians 15: 1*)
- In Verse 3, who are the scoffers / mockers that Peter references? What does he identify as their motivation? (*Jude 1: 17 – 19*)
- From Verse 4, describe the meaning behind the question and statement that Peter attributes to those scoffers. How would you respond to such a statement? (*Ecclesiastes 1: 9*)

## **Verses 5 – 9**

- According to Verses 5 – 6, what is it that Peter says the scoffers forget?
- What coming event does Peter reference in Verse 7? What will be the outcome for the ungodly? (*Ecclesiastes 12: 14; 2 Corinthians 5: 10*)
- Summarize the point that Peter makes in Verse 8. How does this point relate to the question and statement referenced previously in Verse 4?
- From Verse 9, what promise does Peter refer to? How does Peter characterize God's intention for His creation?  
(*1 John 2: 2; 2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 15*)

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## Verses 10 – 13

- In Verse 10, how does Peter describe the Day of Judgment? What themes are included in his description that help us understand the magnitude of that event?  
*(1 Thessalonians 4: 16 – 17; Revelation 20: 11 – 15)*
- According to Verses 11 – 12, what impact should this realization have on us? What attitude should we have as we prepare for the Day of Judgment?
- In Verse 13, what are the “new heavens and new earth” that Peter references? *(Isaiah 65: 17; Revelation 21: 1)*

## Verses 14 – 18

- According to Verse 14, how should we prepare for the Day of Judgment? What character traits should Christ identify in us when He returns to judge?  
*(Galatians 6: 9; Colossians 3: 12 – 13; Romans 2: 4; 1 Timothy 1: 16)*
- In Verse 15, how does Peter link salvation to God’s patience? How does Peter use his reference to the apostle Paul to support this point?  
*(Galatians 2: 11 – 21)*
- Given the background between Peter and Paul, what insight does Peter’s comment provide about his relationship with Paul?  
*(Galatians 1: 6 – 9)*
- From Verse 16, what observation does Peter make regarding Paul’s writing? According to Peter, how do some people respond to Paul’s teaching, and what lesson can we learn from that response?  
*(Galatians 1: 6 – 9)*
- In Verses 17 – 18, at the conclusion of his letter, what warning does Peter give us, and how should we respond?  
*(Acts 17: 10 – 11; 1 John 4: 1 – 3)*