

I and 2 Peter Bible Study

Lesson 23 Questions/ 2 Peter 3:10-18

New Hope

The first and second questions are a review that will add insight and depth to the current discussion.

1. Peter deals with the end of the age very simply: fire will destroy the sky, the earth and everything in it (vs. 10; Zephaniah 1:14-18), and a new heaven and a new earth will stand in its place. Why would Peter not bring up the rapture, the tribulation, the millennium, etc.? Could we learn something from Peter?

2. The false teachers hope was in the world. They were devoted to it (1:4; 2:5, 20; 3:6). Their hope was in their personal freedom (2:9), the pleasure of their sexual indulgences (2:2, 14), their love of money (2:14-16) and their love of human praise (2:10; 18). How are you tempted to put your hope in any of these things? Be specific

3. How has the power of Christ and our future hope helped you to overcome those temptations (vs. 13)? What is your specific plan (vs. 14)?

4. Peter's response to all of those earthly vanities was: it's going to burn! The point of this is that everything is going to burn, but the fruits of holiness (10-13). "Only one life, twill soon be past, only what is done for Christ will last." Stop and think, what are you involved in that will burn? What are you involved in that will last?

5. Peter connects (vs. 10) what Jesus himself said in Matthew 24:42-43. The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. It will be unexpected, without warning, and disastrous for the unprepared. Does that cause you to live in holy conduct and godliness? Our future focus causes us to live differently today. How does that apply to you?

6. It's the passing away of the earth and it's works that should motivate us to holiness and godliness (vs. 11) wrapped in a living hope (1 Peter 1:3-4); Rev. 21:3-4; Isaiah 65:17)

a) What does that look like in your thinking (Col. 3:1-2)?

b) What does that look like in your attitudes? (Phil. 2:1-11)?

c) What does that look like in your actions (2 Peter 1:3-11)?

7. The big picture of 1 and 2 Peter is a confirmation of the truth and the Promise that we have a living hope based on the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we revisit 1 Peter 1:3-4, Peter states that truth. Our Hope is not a wish, it's certain. There is no other hope that will not Disappoint (Romans 5:5). Everything else will. What difference does it Make (Romans 8:18-28) that we have a hope that will not disappoint (Romans 5:5)? Is there anything we could compare it to (Rev. 21:1-7; 2 Cor. 3:4-18)?

8. Living hope (1 Peter 1:3-4) taken into our hearts changes us into peaceful, spotless, and blameless people of God (vs. 14). How does this standing of blamelessness with God affect your relationship with Him (1 John 1:7)?

9. How does it impact your relationship on earth with someone when they stand blameless before God and you (Matthew 6:12; 1 John 1:7; 2 Peter 3:14)?

10. How is it that we have the power to walk in the light through this life (1 John 1:7; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Peter 3:14)?

11. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (vs. 18)." How do we grow in the grace of God (Titus 2:11-15; Romans 5:5; vs. 17)?

1 and 2 Peter encourage us with these truths:

12. There is only one hope that will not disappoint (Romans 5:5). Jesus Christ is that hope. He is our blessed hope (1 Peter 1:3-4), our glorious hope, and our highest good (Col. 1:27)!!! How have these truths become that kind of hope for you (2 Peter 3:11-14, Rev. 21:1-7; 18)?

“To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity (vs. 18). Amen!!