

Peter's Last Word! 2 Peter 3 - Outlined

Peter's reason for writing, both of his letters.

¹ This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved.

In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,
² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

To warn against scoffers with impure motives.

³ knowing this first of all,
that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing,
following their own sinful desires.

They will draw your attention to appearances . . .

⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming?
For ever since the fathers fell asleep,
all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

. . . and away from trust in the Word of God.

⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact,
that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,
⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire,
being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

But stop and think, beloved! What kind of God has been revealed to us?

He is not bound by time as we are.

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years,
and a thousand years as one day.

He is patient and compassionate beyond our capacity to comprehend.

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness,
but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,
but that all should reach repentance.

But don't get complacent! He will most certainly bring judgment upon the heavens and the earth.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a roar,
and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved,
and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

How then should we respond?

What sort of people should we be?

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved,
what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,
¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved,
and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

¹³ But according to his promise
we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these,
be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish,
and at peace.

¹⁵ **And count the patience of our Lord as salvation,**
just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,
as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters.
There are some things in them that are hard to understand,
which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction,
as they do the other Scriptures.

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand,
take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own
stability.

¹⁸ **But grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.