

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

2 Peter 3:14-18

Lesson 8

Peter closes his second letter with warnings and instructions that are close to his heart, encouraging believers to *look forward* and to *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*. May his final words inspire you to live your life for the glory of our precious Savior.

DAY ONE: Read 2 Peter 3:14-18

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
 - a. 2 Peter 3:14-18 is one section/paragraph. List below the subject(s) covered in this section.

How would you title this section? Record your title on the **Chapter & Paragraph Division Titles Chart** provided with your Observation Worksheet.

After titling each section, record a title for Chapter 3.

How would you title the entire letter of 2 Peter?

2. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbol**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

Used in previous lessons: *Jesus* (Lord) and *knowledge*

New to this lesson: *grace*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in 2 Peter 3:14-18. Remember, as you mark the word *Jesus*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Him.

3. The term of conclusion, *therefore*, is used in verses 14 and 17. Choose one of them and record the conclusion that Peter made. What is the conclusion made and what is it based upon?
4. Peter used the contrasting term *but* in verse 18. What two thoughts are being contrasted?
5. Scan through the instructions given to the believer in verses 14-18 and record them below.

DAY TWO: Read 2 Peter 3:14

1. Observe the word *therefore* which links verse 14 with the previous verses of chapter 3. *According to His promise* what do we as believers *look for*? see verse 13

2. Think about the phrase *looking forward to these things*. In what way is the *promise* of verse 13 to influence the way we live now?
 - a. Define the word *diligent*.

 - b. Think of the opposite of *diligence* by supplying antonyms for the word *diligent*.

3. What do we learn about applying *diligence* from the following Scriptures:

Proverbs 4:23

2 Peter 1:5

2 Peter 1:10

4. *Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent...* When we are *looking forward* with eager anticipation to Christ's return there is a desire within us to *be diligent*. Why? see 2 Peter 3:14b

5. *So, beloved, since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him (at His coming) without spot or blemish and at peace (in serene confidence, free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts).* (2 Peter 3:14 Amplified) What does it mean to you to *be found in Him*:
 - a. *in peace*

 - b. *without spot*

 - c. *blameless*

DAY THREE: Read 2 Peter 3:15,16

1. Using 2 Peter 3:9b, explain the meaning of 2 Peter 3:15a.
 - a. Consider the *longsuffering* of the Lord by writing Psalm 86:15.

2. Peter refers to *our beloved brother Paul* and his writing to them in 2 Peter 3:15. What did Paul write about the *longsuffering* of God in Romans 2:4?
 - a. In this context, what has God's *longsuffering* meant in your life?

3. According to 2 Peter 3:15b, what was *given to him* for the writing of his letters?
 - a. Recognize God's *wisdom* through Paul in the last phrase of Romans 2:4 by writing it here.
 - 1.) How does this bless you today?

4. What were the *untaught and unstable people* doing with Paul's words?
 - a. Define the word *twist*.

5. Notice the words in 2 Peter 3:16 *...rest of the Scriptures*. In what way does this provide an affirmation of the inspiration of Paul's *epistles*?

6. Rather than *twist* the *Scriptures* we are to be taught by them, believe them, and apply them to our lives. Confirm this by printing Romans 15:4.

DAY FOUR: Read 2 Peter 3:17

1. Observe the phrase *since you know this beforehand*. To what *things* might Peter be referring to? see Jude 1:3,4
 - a. What are believers to do in response to the knowledge of *these things*? 2 Peter 3:17
 - 1.) Focus on the word *beware*. List some synonyms for the word *beware*.
 - 2.) List some antonyms for the word *beware*.
 - 3.) In the context of this verse, what does the word *beware* mean to you?
2. Consider the phrase *fall from your own steadfastness*. Define *steadfastness*.
 - a. Considering these definitions, what does it mean to *fall from your own steadfastness*?
 - b. It should be the fervent desire of every believer to be *steadfast*. From the following verses, share ways believers can avoid *falling from their own steadfastness* and *the error of the wicked*.

Acts 2:42

1 Corinthians 15:58

Jude 1:20,21
3. Consider the serious implication of the words *being led away*. How does this speak to you?
 - a. What can you as a believer do to *beware* so that you will not be *led away* from the truth?
4. From a Romans 16:18 and Ephesians 4:14 perspective, describe the *wicked* and those who are *led away*:
 - a. the deceived
 - b. the deceivers

DAY SIX: Review 2 Peter 3:14-18

1. How has this lesson encouraged you to focus on what is eternally important?
2. Personal: What adjustments need to be made in your focus so that it is more eternally based?
3. Think about the *longsuffering* of the Lord. Share some insights on this that comfort you.
4. We learn from 2 Peter 3:16 that Paul wrote *some things hard to understand*. What do you do about Scriptures you do not understand?
5. In what way have you been challenged through 2 Peter 3:17,18:
to *beware*

to *be steadfast*

to *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

*We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting,
because your faith grows exceedingly,
and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3*