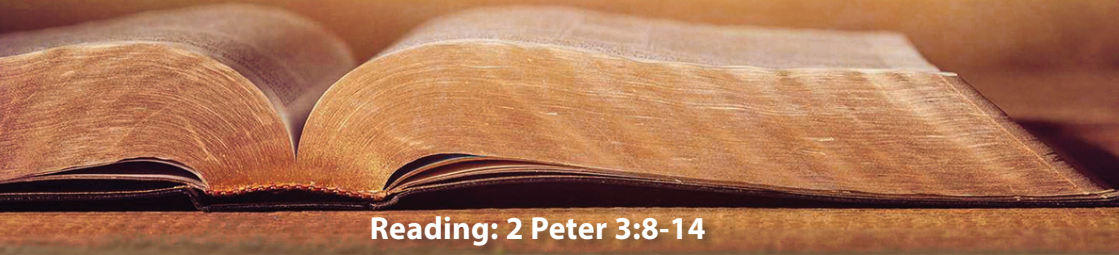


WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 PETER



Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Introduction

- No reason to doubt Simon Peter was the writer of the book.
- His name appears at the beginning of both books.
- The writer refers to being present on the mountain with Jesus. [See Matt 17].

The Relationship Between 1st and 2nd Peter

- 1 Peter addresses the attack on the church from outside (Persecution)
- 2 Peter addresses the attack on the church from inside (False teachers and teaching).
- The book consists of 3 chapters and 61 verses.
- There are 5 things the book admonishes us to '*be aware off*'.

1 Be Aware Of Your Salvation [1:1-11]

- Salvation starts with faith but it continues to grow.
- In [1:5-8] there are 7 things we need to add to our faith, post salvation.
- It's not how you start that matters, but how you continue and end.

2 Be Aware Of The Scriptures [1:12-21]

- It is God's '*special revelation*'
- Each writer was '*moved*' ('*phero*') by the Holy Spirit to write as they did.
- It is therefore from God, without error, reliable and carries the authority of God.

3 Be Aware Of Seducing Teachers [2:1-22]

- Peter warns about '*destructive heresies*' and '*denying the Lord*' and '*deceptive words*'
- The church has always endured false teachers/teaching.
- The church closest to the truth is better than the church closest to you.
- Best antidote to false teaching is a good knowledge of true teaching.

4 Be Aware Of The Second Coming [3: 1-10]

- Beware of those who scoff at His Coming.
- He is coming like '*a thief in the night*'
- This phrase does **NOT** denote secrecy. It is emphasising the suddenness of His coming.
- [3:10] is too noisy a verse to be talking about secrecy. See also [1Thessalonians 4:16].

5 Be Aware Of Your Sanctification [3:11-18]

- In the light of His soon return, "*what manner of persons ought we to be in holy conduct and godliness?*"
- The teaching of Christ's return is not just a doctrine to know it is a truth to live each day.
- It ought to be an impetus to faithfulness, holiness and evangelism and prayer.
- "*Even so come, Lord Jesus.*"

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