

**THE EPISTLES OF
PETER**

AN EXPOSITION



CHAPTER 5

THE GOOD NEWS

LAST WEEK

- Does being a child of God make you an heir in Christ?
- Does suffering for Christ make you a Christian?
- What happens at the judgment seat of Christ?

TONIGHT

- **The role of authority among believers**
- **We should be kissing more**
- **Did the apostles have more faith than you?**
- **How to never fall**

1 PETER 5:1-3

- **V1 - Peter is apparently one of a body of elders**
 - Not the supreme elder
- **V1 – "will share in the glory"**
- **V2 – This is the command that Jesus gave Peter in John 21**
- **V2 - "eager to serve"**
 - Jesus demonstrated the role of authority among believers when he washed the disciples' feet
 - Luke 22:24-32
- **V3 – This is apparently a problem in the early church**
 - Peter will address this more thoroughly in his second letter

1 PETER 5:4

- **V4 – Crown of glory**

- **Should we strive for glory?**

- **"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" - Colossians 1:27**

- **The reward for service in humility is to carry the glory of Christ**

- **Why would it fade away?**

- **Exodus 34:29-35**



1 PETER 5:5-9

- **V6 – How do we humble ourselves under God's hand?**
 - **What is false humility?**
- **V7 – Meditation for the week**
 - **"don't put that on me"**
- **V8 - "Self controlled and alert"**
 - **What is the purpose for these two things, according to 4:7?**
 - **Your ability to resist your enemy depends entirely on your ability to pray**

1 PETER 5:10-14

- **V10** - Penultimate reminder of election
- **V11** – The power to do what?
- **V12** – Silas was probably penning this letter until this point
 - Galatians 6:11
- **V12** – Peter's summary of his letter is "The true grace of God"
- **V13** - "She who is in Babylon"
 - The church of Rome
 - Peter's wife (Mark 1:30, Matthew 8:14, etc)
- **V14** – A kiss of love!?
 - A symbol of peace

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- **Brief introduction**
- **Do you have to be a scholar to study Greek?**
- **Is there a prerequisite to prayer?**
- **Is there a prerequisite to learning about Jesus?**
- **How to never fall**

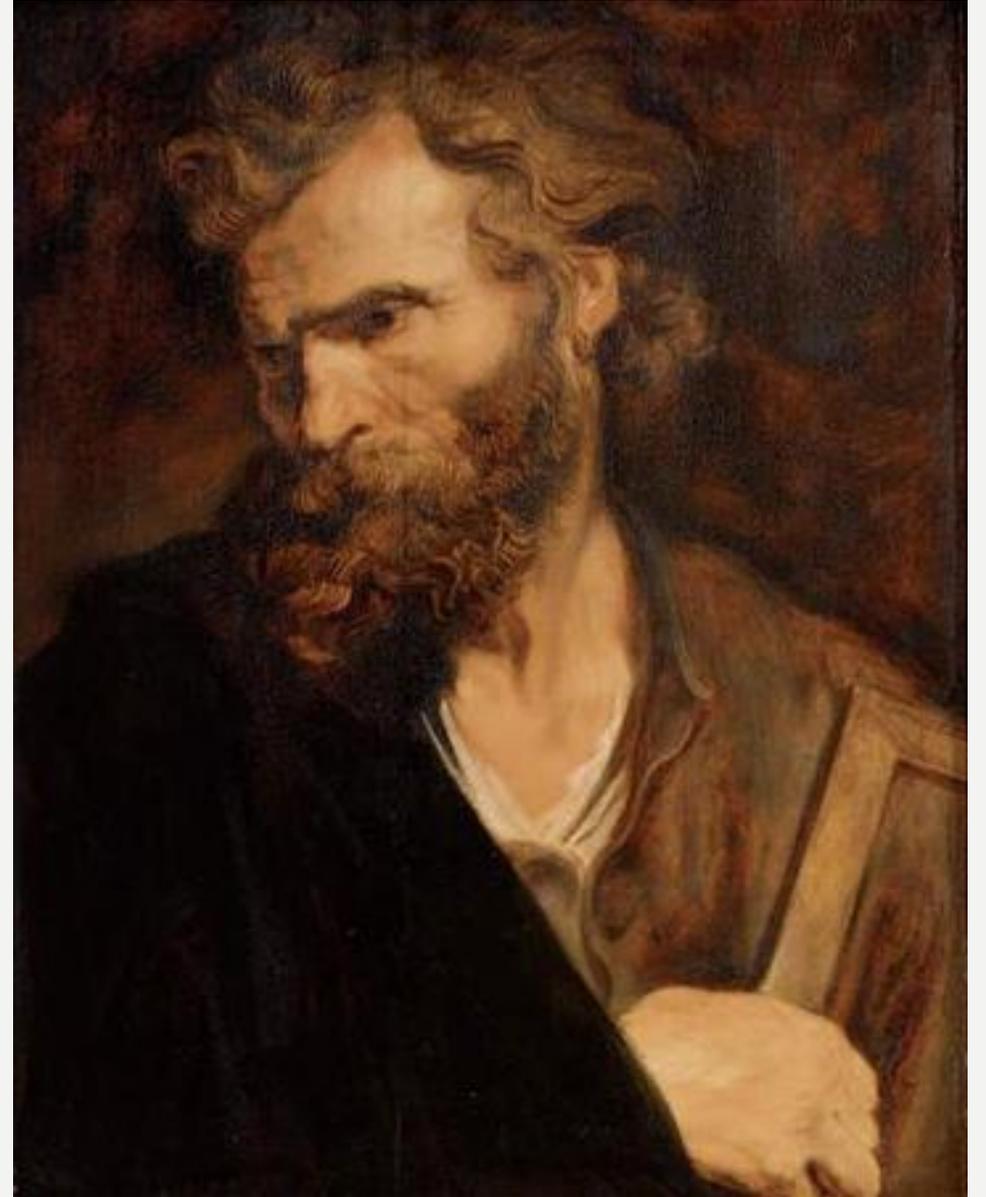


2 PETER

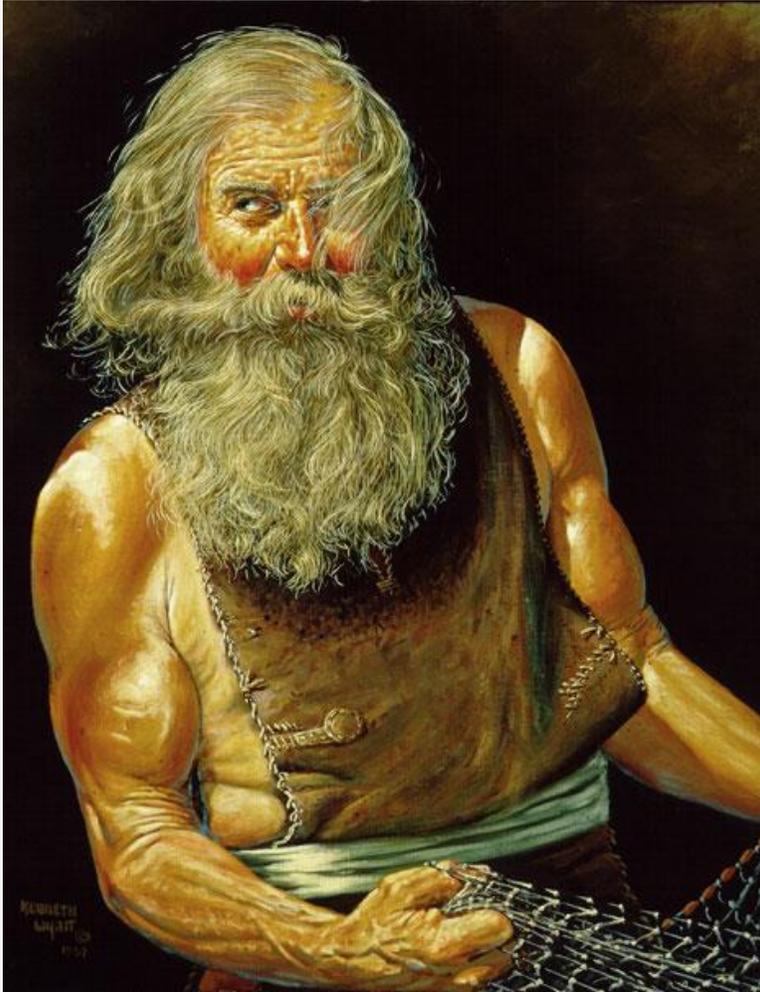
INTRODUCTION

AUTHORSHIP

- The authorship of 2 Peter is more widely disputed than that of 1 Peter
 - Origen (217-251AD) openly refuted it
 - It is very similar to Jude
- Jude
 - Brother of Jesus
 - This letter, along with 1 and 2 Peter, is criticized as being too articulate for an "unschooled, ordinary man"
- If the content of one is used as a basis for the other, does it negate either authorship or relevance?



AUTHORSHIP



- Athanasius and Augustine recognized canonicity
- The early church rejected other pseudonymous works of Peter
 - The Apocalypse of Peter, The Gospel of Peter, The Acts of Peter, The Letter of Peter to Philip
- Cave 7 of the Dead Sea Scrolls contains what is likely a fragment of 2 Peter chapter 1
- Peter died under Nero between 64-68 AD
 - This was probably written very soon after his first letter
 - The subject matter is a continuation of thought
 - 1 Peter is a prerequisite to understanding 2 Peter
- This, along with 1 Peter was written in Rome

PURPOSE

- **Written to the end time church concerning heresy and misunderstanding of Christian values:**
 - **Denial of second coming**
 - **Misunderstanding of freedom**
 - **Denial of the prophetic**
 - **Denial of the power of our words**
 - **Denial of the necessity of sanctified living**
 - **Denial of the deity of Jesus Christ**
 - **Distortion of scripture**
- **This final call to holy living carries special weight with the understanding of Peter's impending martyrdom**

2 PETER 1:1

- **VI – Peter adds two things to his title since the first letter**
 - **"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ" - I Peter 1:1**
- **VI – Unlike the first letter, this is not written to a specific church body**
 - **This is likely why he added his birth name so as to eliminate confusion**
 - **"To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ" - Jude 1:1**
- **VI – Peter is putting everyone's faith on the same level**

2 PETER 1:2-4

- **V2 – How can you combat intolerance and chaos?**
- **V3 – A one verse summary of Peter's first letter**
- **V3 – Dunamis – A power source**
- **V4 – What are the promises we have in Christ?**
- **V4 – To live in the divine nature is to be separate from the world**
 - **John 17:13-19**
- **V4 – Peter makes several if/then statements which we will occasionally read backwards**
 - **"If _____, I'll give you a million dollars"**
 - **Do you want to know Jesus Christ more?**

CAN YOU STUDY GREEK?

- Do you have to speak the language?
- Dictionary
- Concordance
 - English
 - Word Study

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Alpha
(al-fah)

Β

Beta
(bay-tah)

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Gamma
(gam-ah)

Δ

Delta
(del-ta)

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Epsilon
(ep-si-lon)

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Zeta
(zay-tah)

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Eta
(ay-tah)

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Theta
(thay-tah)

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Iota
(eye-o-tah)

Κ

Kappa
(cap-pah)

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Lambda
(lamb-dah)

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Mu
(mew)

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Nu
(new)

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(zie)

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Omicron
(om-e-cron)

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(pie)

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(roe)

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Sigma
(sig-mah)

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Tau
(taw)

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Upsilon
(up-si-lon)

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Phi
(fie)

Χ

Chi
(kie)

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Psi
(sigh)

Ω

Omega
(oh-may-gah)

CONCORDANCE

PETER

Salutation

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of
Jesus Christ, To them that have obtained
like precious faith with us through the right-
eousness of God and our Saviour Jesus
Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you
through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus
our Lord.

Make Your Calling and Election Sure

3 According as his divine power hath given
unto us all things that pertain unto life and

CONCORDANCE

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 two men,

Isa. 5: 4. which is of you kept back by fraud,

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ἀποστολή, apostolee.

Acts 1:25. of this ministry and *apostleship*,
 Ro. 1: 5. received grace and *apostleship*, for
 1Co. 9: 2. the seal of mine *apostleship* are
 Gal. 2: 8. to the *apostleship* of the circumcision,

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ἀπόστολος, apostolos.

Mat.10: 2. the names of the twelve *apostles*
 Mar 6:30. the *apostles* gathered themselves
 Lu. 6:13. whom also he named *apostles* ;
 9:10. the *apostles*, when they were
 11:49. send them prophets and *apostles*
 17: 5. the *apostles* said unto the Lord,
 22:14. the twelve *apostles* with him.
 24:10. told these things unto the *apostles*.
 Joh.13:16. neither *he that is sent* greater
 Acts 1: 2. commandments unto the *apostles*
 26. numbered with the eleven *apostles*.
 2:37. Peter, and to the rest of the *apostles*,
 42. in the *apostles'* doctrine and fellowship,
 43. were done by the *apostles*.
 4:33. gave the *apostles* witness of the
 35. laid (them) down at the *apostles'* feet:
 36. who by the *apostles* was surnamed
 37. laid (it) at the *apostles'* feet.
 8: 2. laid (it) at the *apostles'* feet.
 12. by the hands of the *apostles* were
 18. laid their hands on the *apostles*,
 29. Peter and the (other) *apostles* answered

17. to them which were *apostles*
 19. others of the *apostles* saw I none
 Eph. 1: 1. Paul, an *apostle* of Jesus Christ
 2:20. the foundation of the *apostles* at
 3: 5. revealed unto his holy *apostles* a
 4:11. he gave some, *apostles* ; and son
 Phi. 2:25. your *messenger*, and he that
 Col. 1: 1. Paul, an *apostle* of Jesus Christ
 1Th. 2: 6. as the *apostles* of Christ.
 1Ti. 1: 1. Paul, an *apostle* of Jesus Christ
 2: 7. ordained a preacher, and an *apo*
 2Ti. 1: 1. Paul, an *apostle* of Jesus Christ
 11. appointed a preacher, and an *ap*
 Tit. 1: 1. an *apostle* of Jesus Christ,
 Heb 3: 1. consider the *apostle* and high pr
 1Pet. 1: 1. Peter, an *apostle* of Jesus Chris
 2Pet. 1: 1. a servant and an *apostle* of Jesu
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 Rev. 2: 2. them which say they are *apostle*
 18:20. (ye) holy *apostles* and prophets
 21:14. the names of the twelve *apostle*

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ἀποστοματίζω, apostomatizō.

Lu. 11:53. to provoke him to speak of many

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ἀποστρέφο, apostrephō.

Mat. 5:42. borrow of thee turn not thou
 26:52. Put up again thy sword into his
 27: 3. brought again the thirty pieces
 Lu. 23:14. as one that perverteth the people
 Acts 3:26. in turning away every one of

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- **Jude is very similar**
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2 PETER 1B

TRUTH FROM THE MOUNTAIN

TONIGHT

- **Is there a prerequisite to learning about Jesus?**
- **How to never fall**
- **What was Jesus discussing at the transfiguration?**
- **How accurate is Bible prophecy?**

2 PETER 1:5

- **VV5-7 – Seven characteristics**
 - "add to:" these are progressive
 - **We will see many of these point to the previous**
 - These lead to a key blessing
- **Faith**
 - Πίστις (pistis)
 - The equal footing (VI)
- **Goodness (Virtue – KJV)**
 - Ἄρετή (arete)
 - Excellence; the manifestation of righteousness
 - I Peter 2:9 "praises"



2 PETER 1:5-6

- **Knowledge**
 - Γνῶσις (gnosis)
 - The understanding of both the physical and spiritual realms
 - This only comes after a manifestation of righteousness
 - The fear of the **LORD** is the beginning of knowledge – Proverbs 1:7
 - To fear the **LORD** is to hate evil – Proverbs 8:13
 - Therefore, to hate evil (goodness) is the beginning of knowledge
- **Self – control (temperance – KJV)**
 - Ἐγκράτεια (egkrateia)
 - "The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so you may pray." - 1 Peter 4:7
 - This is a prerequisite to our ability to pray effectively
 - "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" - James 5:16

2 PETER 1:6

- **Perseverance (patience – KJV)**
 - Ὑπομονή (Hupomone)
 - **The attribute which we are so afraid of**
 - **To wait, to expect, to endure pain**
 - **As opposed to (meno), to stand against opposition**
- **Godliness**
 - Εὐσέβεια (eusebia)
 - **To serve (a god)**
 - **" For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you." - Acts 17:23**
 - **"be imitators of God" - Ephesians 5:1**

2 PETER 1:7-8

- **Brotherly kindness**
 - Φιλαδέλφεια (philadelphia)
 - a genuine care for the needs of others
- **Love (Charity – KJV)**
 - Ἀγάπη (agape)
 - Eros and phileo – both seek self fulfillment
 - Total self-sacrifice - John 15:13
- **V8 - "In increasing measure:" Both progressively and increasing daily**
- **V8 – Possessing these seven qualities is the key to learning more about Christ**
 - Learning about Christ is how we fill our lives with grace and peace (v2)

2 PETER 1:9-11

- **V9 – Accepting shame for past sins is the result of blindness**
- **V10 - "therefore" - the following statement is made possible through the fact that we have been cleansed of past sins and now possess the power to live godly lives**
- **V10 - Do you want to know how to never fall?**
 - **Because every day which is devoted to furthering your calling has no room for the world**
 - **The difference between trying to succeed and trying not to fail**

MOUNTAIN ROAD



WHAT IS YOUR CALLING?

- **How many here are saved?**
 - **We were all saved to live a sanctified life**
 - **It is imperative that you know your personal calling**
 - **What are some tools at your disposal for finding out?**
- **What to do about it**
 - **If you don't know your calling, do what is necessary to find out**
 - **If you do know your calling, ask God to show you what it means to make that calling more than just a dream**

2 PETER 1:12-18

- **V12 - This is not for "baby Christians"**
- **V13 – Who are you?**
 - You need a tent to exist on this earth
- **V14 – What was the last recorded conversation between Jesus and Peter?**
 - John 21:18ff
- **V16 – What event is Peter referring to?**

MATTHEW 17:1-9



2 PETER 1:12-18

- VI6 – What event is Peter referring to?
 - The transfiguration of Jesus was proof to Peter of
 - The power of Jesus
 - The coming of Jesus?
 - How did this event give Peter information about Jesus' second coming?

2 PETER 1:16-18

- **Who was Jesus speaking with on the mountain?**
- **What were they discussing?**
- **Revelation 11:1-6**
 - **These men have the power to**
 - **Shut up the sky (1 Kings 17)**
 - **Turn water into blood (Exodus 7)**
- **Jude 8-10**
 - **Where is the body of Moses? (Deuteronomy 34:5-6)**
 - **Where is the body of Elijah? (2 Kings 2)**

2 PETER 1:19-21

- **V19** – Peter is indicating that the OT prophets wrote about Jesus' majesty
- **V19** – Is the OT important for Christians?
- **V19** – The Morning Star
 - Revelation 22:16
- **V20** – Is it necessary to consider the penmen of Scripture?

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CHAPTER 2

PETER'S PROPHECY FOR 2016

TONIGHT

- **Why did God really flood the earth?**
- **A detailed description of the world in 2016**
 - **"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified." - John 17:14-19**
- **Question: What percentage of people in 2016 are sexually unclean and despise the government?**
- **There is a special kind of person today who is tasked with bringing you down**

2 PETER 2:1-3

- **V1 – Also?**
 - As opposed to the prophets of Scripture (1:20-21)
 - Peter will spend the rest of the chapter describing a specific kind of person
- **V1 – Denying the sovereign Lord**
- **V2 – What kind of reputation does a sanctified lifestyle bring the church?**
 - 1 Peter 2:12
- **V3 – What is the motivation of false teachers?**

2 PETER 2:4-5

- **V4 – Which angels?**
- **When was this event?**
 - **Revelation 12:3-4**
 - "Tartarus"
 - **The deepest part of Hades**
 - **Genesis 6:1-8**



NEPHILIM



- Three theories
 - Sons of Seth and Cain
 - Numbers 13:30-33
 - Sons of kings and commoners
 - Fallen angels
 - Job 1:6
 - John 1:12-13
- Can angels procreate?
 - Matthew 22:23-30
 - Jude 6-7
- Why were there Nephilim in the land of Canaan?
 - "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" - Matthew 24:37

2 PETER 2:4-10

- **V6 – What was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah?**
 - **Genesis 19:1-13**
- **V9 – Godly men escape this punishment**
- **V10 – Special judgment for people with two attributes**
 - **"But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government" - KJV**
 - **The following, then, describes men and women today who fall into these categories**

2PETER 2:10-14

- **V10 – Do we slander Satan?**
- **V12 – Recent trend of pseudo-spiritual media**
- **V14 - "seduce"**
 - δελεάζω
 - **Only here and in James 1:13-15**
 - **V13 – Dragged away from what?**
 - **The goal of the modern world is to get you away from the body of Christ**
- **V14 – The modern world is not just greedy, they are experts at acquiring wealth**

2 PETER 2:15-16

- **V15 - Surprise! These are people who used to be believers**
- **V15 – Who was Balaam?**
 - **Numbers 22:4-20**
 - **V6 – Balaam has power in his words**
 - **V9 – Balaam speaks with God**
 - **V13 – Balaam obeys God**
 - **Revelation 2:14**
 - **Balaam later left all these things to draw righteous men away into sexual immorality**

2 PETER 2:17-22

- **V17 – Springs without water**
 - **"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive." - John 7:38-39**
- **V18 – Their target is especially new Christians**
- **V19 – Slave to whatever has mastered him**

THE APOSTATE

- **Teacher**
- **Denies the sovereignty of Jesus**
- **Expert in greed**
- **Has new information**
- **Sexually immoral**
- **Bold and arrogant**
- **Used to operate in the Spirit**
- **Lures away new Christians**
- **Cannot stop himself**



ARE YOU DESTINED FOR APOSTASY?

- **"Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." - John 10:22-30**

HOW DO WE RESPOND?

- Be alert and sober minded so we can pray (1 Peter 4:7)
- Read three passages
 - 2 Peter chapter 3
 - Jude VV 17-25
 - Revelation chapters 2 & 3

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CHAPTER 3

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

TONIGHT

- **Do you have a bad memory?**
- **How did the apostate from chapter 2 get to be where he is today?**
- **Why is homosexuality so prevalent today?**
- **Who is going to destroy the world?**
- **Should we be frustrated that Jesus hasn't come back yet?**
- **Is the New Testament scripture?**

2 PETER 3:1-2

- **V1 – Thinking or living?**
- **V2 – Are we responsible for recollection of Scripture?**
- **V2 – What command?**
 - **“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**
-John 13:34-35
- **V2 - "through your apostles"**
 - **What was the message of the first missionaries?**

2 PETER 3:3



SCOFFERS

- **Empaizo - ἐμπαίζω**
 - **Why do we study Greek words and the use in the OT?**
 - **"Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing." - Exodus 15:20**
 - **"As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart." - 2 Samuel 6:16**
 - **"So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made." - 1 Kings 18:26**

SCOFFERS

- Empaizo - ἐμπαίζω
 - "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each of them with cane in hand because of their age. The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there.'" - Zechariah 8:4-5
 - "While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them." - Judges 16:25
 - Dancing, playing music, childlike behavior, lack of restraint, lack of reverence
 - Is this the apostate from chapter 2?

PSALM 1:1-2

- **"Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night."**
- **Evil is in descending order**
 - **This is a progression**
- **Our involvement is in ascending order**



2 PETER 3:4-5

- **V4 – is this a picture of 2016?**
- **V5 - "deliberately forget"**
 - **The scoffer knows in his core that God created the world**
 - **Is this the first step towards wickedness?**
- **Romans 1:18-32**
 - **V20 – Creation shows the glory of the Lord**
 - **Psalm 19:1-6**
 - **V21 – They are ungrateful**
 - **V23 – They replace God with nature**
 - **V25 – They say that God is not the creator**
 - **V27 – The culture is given over to homosexuality**
 - **V28 – What is the initial problem which turns a believer into an apostate?**

2 PETER 3:5-7

- **V5 – Who is the Word?**
 - John 1:1
- **V5 – The earth is made from water?**
 - Psalm 24:2, Genesis 1:6-8
- **V6 – Which flood?**
 - When were angels created?
 - When did Satan fall?
- **V7 - "the same word"**

2 PETER 3:8

- **Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.” A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.**
- Psalm 90:1-6
- **Not a calculation**
- **Not a statement of God's patience**
- **God is outside of time altogether**

2 PETER 3:9

- **Why should we not be frustrated that Jesus hasn't come yet?**
- **"I can't believe in a God who would send people to Hell."**
 - **Does God get what He wants?**
 - **"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people."**
- 1 Timothy 2:1-6

2 PETER 3:10-12

- **V10 - "the Day of the Lord"**
 - **"See, the day of the Lord is coming —a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger— to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless." - Isaiah 13:9-11**
- **V12 – how do we speed His coming?**
 - **Pray - Matthew 6:10**
 - **Witness - "I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in," - Romans 11:25**

2 PETER 3:13



2 PETER 3:13-18

- **V13 - "New Heaven and New Earth"**
 - **Isaiah 65, Revelation 21**
- **V15 – Every minute is another opportunity for someone**
- **V15 – It's God's wisdom which fills Paul's letters**
- **V16 – What is the subject matter of all of Paul's letters?**
- **V16 - "other Scriptures"**
 - **"All Scripture is God-breathed" - 2 Timothy 3:16a**
 - **2 Peter 1:20-21**
 - **Is any part of Scripture less inspired than another?**
 - **Matthew 5:17-20**
- **V18 – How can we grow in the knowledge of Christ?**
 - **2 Peter 1:5-8**

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

