

ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live 

May 28, 2023

Lesson Title: Hope in The Day of The Lord

“Live & Rejoice in Expectation of The Lord”

Lesson Text: 2nd Peter 3:1-15

Devotional Reading: 1st & 2nd Peter

LESSON CONTEXT

Peter was disturbed that false teachers were in the churches causing dissension. Peter inspired Christians to become strong in their faith so that they could identify and dismiss the false teachings causing apostasy. Peter emphasized the authenticity of the Word of God proclaiming The Lord Jesus will return.

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. Look Back & Pay Attention. 2nd Peter 3:1-2**
- 2. Look Around & Pay Attention. 2nd Peter 3:3-9**
- 3. Look Ahead & Prepare. 2nd Peter 3:10-15-11**

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- 1. To understand The significance of Bible Study and detecting / denouncing false teaching.**
- 2. Learning to live daily with the confidence & assurance that we have victory in Jesus Christ.**
- 3. Remind ourselves to not get so caught up in this world that we forget the promises of God.**

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- 1) Examine how we respond to false teachers / Scoffers, unbelievers.**
- 2) Reignite the fire of Living for Christ with passion and expectation.**
- 3) Remember Jesus Christ is coming back for his Church(Bride) until then we should Live Full.**

2nd PETER 3:1-2 NRSV

1 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you, ² that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles.

2nd PETER 3:3 NRSV 

³ First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts.

2nd PETER 3:4 NRSV

4 and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!”

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS?

- 1) What three things does Peter want to remind the people of (2 Peter 3:2–4)?**
- 2) Why is the Lord delaying His coming and the execution of judgment on the world (v. 9)?**
- 3) What are some false teachings that are being spread in the church today & How do you know these teachings are false?**

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Peter referenced the Holy Prophecies to help them to dismiss false teaching. 2nd Peter 3:2-3**
- 2. Peter taught that the Second Coming is the incentive for holy living 2nd Peter 3:3-7**
- 3. God's timing is not our timing. 2nd Peter 3:9-10**

2nd PETER 3:5 NRSV

⁵ They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, ⁶ through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished.

2nd PETER 3:7 NRSV

⁷ But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless.

2nd PETER 3:8-9 NRSV

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, ^[b] not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

2nd PETER 3:10 NRSV

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be destroyed with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. [c]

2nd PETER 3:11 NRSV

¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness,

2nd PETER 3:12-13 NRSV

1² waiting for and hastening^[d] the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and destroyed and the elements will melt with fire? 1³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

2nd PETER 3:14-15 NRSV

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also, our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

QUESTIONS COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS?

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- 1) How are we to prepare for Christ's return?**
- 2) How do I respond to bold unbelievers?**
- 3) Where did Jesus say I am coming back in the Bible?**
- 4) What should I do if I am uncertain about Jesus' return?**

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. The return of Jesus should spark a change in how we live and worship. (Unwavering).**
- 2. Many will come to deny and denounce, this is written, do not faint or lose focus.**
- 3. The ignorant and unstable speak to their own destruction.**

Scripture References

John 14:1-4

Matthew 22:36-39 NRSV

Matthew 24:23-27

1st Corinthians 15:51-52

LESSON SUMMARY

Many people in our society live with the YOLO mentality. Some believe they should “live fast, die young, Others believe that “ the most toys wins.” These people live for immediate pleasure and are not concerned with the results. The actions show a true disregard for the possibility of God’s Judgment, not considering the Factuality of it. STAND FIRM.

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

**STUDY THE WORD, PRAY, MEDITATE,
ASK GOD FOR GUIDANCE IN YOUR LIFE.
AVOID TEMPTATION & DEVILS ON EARTH.
SHARE THE WORD, SEEK THE LORD.
LET YOUR LIFE BE YOUR MESSAGE & TESTIMONY.
JESUS IS COMING BACK. HOW WILL I MEASURE?**

BIBLICAL STUDY RESOURCES

- 1. PRECEPTS FOR LIVING.**
- 2. NASB NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE**
- 3. BIBLEREF.COM, BIBLESTUDYTOOLS.COM,**
- 4. GOTQUESTIONS.ORG | The Book of 1st Peter |**
- 5. Zondervan Press Bible Study: Peter**