

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth; And in  
Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; He descended into  
hell and on the third day He rose from  
the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

***True Knowledge:  
The Antidote for  
False Teaching***

A Study of 2 Peter



# Introduction

- It is our understanding of the final destination, that frames for us the significance of our journey
- False teachers had deluded their hearers into thinking that religion was about them and their experience, and not about their responsibility before their creator
- Peter makes a serious effort to bring the reality of his reader's situation back into view
- This world may seem like a luxury liner, but this world is coming to a climactic end, that is known scripturally as the "Day of the Lord"

# **K.N.O.W.L.E.D.G.E.**

K = Know to grow

N = Necessary realities (Need to know)

O = Object to False Teaching

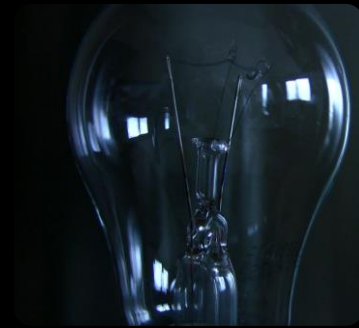
W = Ways of the False Teachers

L = Learn and Lean into truth

E = End Time Understanding

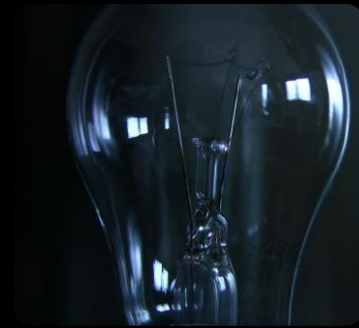
**2 Peter 3:1-7**

# Believe what is Genuine



- Peter makes his intent and purpose is two-fold:
  1. He wants to develop a genuine understanding
  2. He wants them to remember the message of the scripture
- What makes understanding genuine is that it is rooted or based on truth
- Bias toward what they wanted to believe, kept them from believing what was plainly true from scripture
- We don't believe God blindly; we have all the evidence from His word to make an educated decision
- *“We need to see the world as the Word sees it; we need to refuse to see the Word as the world sees it”*

# Beware of Scoffers



- When Jesus' resurrection occurred in Jerusalem it led to an incredible anticipation among the believers
- Peter uses an interesting phrase, he says they "deliberately forget" that some things are true
- Many people today refuse to see that all of history is moving in the direction of a final conclusion
- The scoffers assertion is that "God is not going to break into history and interrupt the progress of time!"





# Bank on What's Coming

- Peter cites OT examples to prove that God does break into history
- The false teachers deliberately chose to ignore the fact that God had been involved in the world
- The world now "is stored with fire" and already prepared for judgment
- To Christians wondering about God's delayed return, Peter offers a three-part challenge:
  1. When has God ever failed to keep a promise?
  2. When has God ever fulfilled a promise in quite the exact way all of us smart people think he should?
  3. What could God possibly be waiting for?

**HOMEWORK: READ 2 Peter 3:8-11**