

**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



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**2 Peter 3:11-14**

# Get Focused



- The end of this world is eminent, and it is on the trajectory of a fiery collision with the mountain of God's judgement
- Peter's point is that we should maintain a correct focus, and it is not on the details of the destruction, but on our conversation and conduct as people who love God and know that He has provided a way of escape for us.
- We live in a world today which is not all that different from the one Noah lived in
- What kind of people ought we to be? People like Noah, the man of faith
- We are not looking for peace or hope in this world. We are looking for the new heavens and the new earth

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**2 Peter 3:15-18**

# Make Every Effort



- Peter reminds his readers why he ventured into the topic of the end times in the first place...false teachers
- We are not passive agents in God's character-shaping endeavors
- What drives us as Christian's in our behavioral choices is a desire to be like Christ
- The false teachers were distorting and twisting the teaching of Paul, along with other parts of the Scriptures in order to condone their sinful lifestyles

# Be on Guard



- *Stability* describes the fact that they were firmly grounded in the Word of God and the Scripture
- The believers had the scriptures as their basis for life, faith and practice, just as we do
- The Bible is our standard for testing everything else that claims to be true.
- God wants to show you what is true and equip you to avoid error and to learn to live for Him



# Grow in Grace and Knowledge



- The false teachers have been exposed. So now what?
- "Christians" who will not regularly cultivate their relationship with Jesus are unstable at best
- The theme of 1 Peter was grace; the theme of 2 Peter was knowledge
- We should learn and live the Word
- Grace is more than just unmerited favor to us sinners. It is the ability and desire to do God's will

