

Text: 2 Peter 3:11-18

Topics: False Teaching, Grace, New Heaven & Earth

Series: Know These Things! (2 Peter)

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Protect Yourself!

I. The Coming to Look For (11-13)

Live for the coming new, not the perishing present, heaven and earth.

II. The Conduct to Keep (14-16)

Live like those who are diligently believing, not ignorantly distorting, Scripture.

III. The Course to Take (17-18)

A growing relationship with Christ and in His grace helps protect us from the error of false teachings.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

Warm up: Have you heard the saying, "He's so heavenly minded, he's no earthly good!"? How can a person long for heaven and be productive here?

1. Read 2 Peter 3:11-13. Twice Peter uses the phrases below. What is he talking about in each:

"be destroyed"

"looking for"

"Since" these are true what is he urging his readers to do in the present? Why does it make sense for him to urge this?

What difference does, or should, knowing this make in your decisions, priorities, conduct, expenditures, etc.? Give examples.

2. What does Peter urge his readers to be diligent toward in 2 Peter 3:14-16?

What purpose does Peter's reference to the apostle Paul, and those who distort his letters, serve?

Are there any areas in your life that don't reflect very well what Christ has done for you? What provision has He made for your failure?

3. What two instructions does Peter give his readers to do to protect themselves from falling for the false teachings around them?

What is one practical action you are or can take to in each of these instructions to protect yourself?