

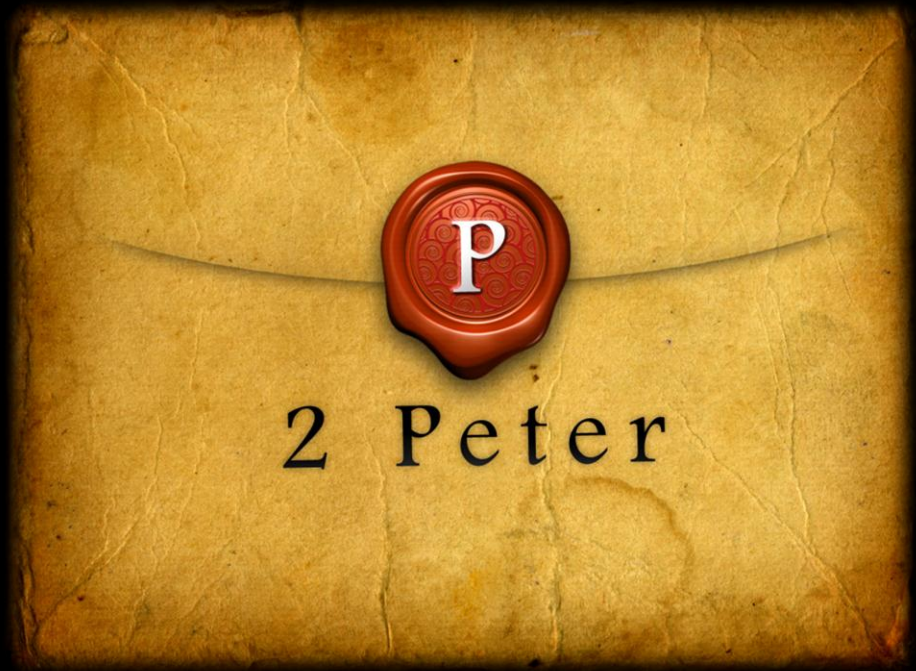
THE VILLAGE CHURCH

2 Peter

Remembering Truth
When it Really Counts

*“... a primer to guard
against false teaching”*

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2 Peter 3:1 – 10

- ¹ Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. ² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.
³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

2 Peter 3:1 – 10

- ⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

2 Peter 3:1 – 10

- ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.
- ⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:1 – 10

- ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

The Second Coming

1. It is the Church's blessed hope -

Titus 2:11-14

2. It is the Church's great longing –

Romans 8:23

3. It is the climax of salvation history –

Matt 25:31 – 46

4. Spiritual Reward

Matt 25:21, 23

The Second Coming

5. The Hope of the Bodily Resurrection

1 Thess 4:13-18

6. Marks the Inauguration of Christ's Earthly Kingdom

Rev 20:6

7. Righteous World System

Isaiah 9:6-7

Pressures from inside and out

- Pressures from outside
 - 1 Pet 4:12-14
- Pressures from within
 - 2 Peter
- These combine to increase the church's longing for Christ to return and wrongs to be set right
 - 2 Tim 4:7-8
- Maranatha

False Teachers Addressed

- They have known the promise of his coming
 - Matt 10:23, 24:29-31
 - Acts 1:10-11
 - 1 Cor 4:5
 - Heb 9:28
 - 1 John 2:28
 - Rev 16:15

Driven by Immorality

- Their motives for mocking
 - Their own lusts
 - “following after”
 - Luke 1:6
 - Acts 9:31
 - Vocabulary word of the week – Anthropocentric Hedonism
 - They hate the thought of divine retribution
 - Rom 1:18

Uniformitarianism

- 2 Pet 3:4 – “Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation”
 - Idea that is even found today in Christian circles
 - That God started creation and relinquished control
 - They have forgotten the power of God’s Word
 - Col 1:15-17
 - Heb 1:1-3

Bridge to Today

- The present pressures of disbelief
- The present need of Hope