

## Bible Study – Outline

### II PETER

FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, FALSEHOOD

Author Peter (Simon, Cephas)  
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Audience: The scattered Christians throughout the world.  
Driven out by persecution to parts of Asia

#### Major Theme(s)

Knowledge  
False Teachers  
The Lord's Return

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<b>THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST</b>	
The gift of knowledge	1:1- 4
The growth in knowledge	1:5-11
The ground of knowledge	1:12-21
<b>WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS</b>	
The danger of false teachers	2:1-3
The destruction of false teachers	2:4-9
The description of false teachers	2:10-22
<b>THE CERTAINTY OF OYR LORD'S RETURN</b>	
Scoffers in the last days	3:1-7
The arrival of the Day of The Lord	3:8-10
How to live in expectation of His return	3:11-18

II Peter 3:1-2 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 apostle

#### Key Scriptures

II Peter 1:1-2

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

#### II Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

#### II Peter 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

#### II Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, <sup>11</sup> and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### II Peter 2:1-2

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.

#### II Peter 3:10-12

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.

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

#### II Peter 3:17-18

Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

## Knowledge

- Know Your Salvation II Peter 1:3-11
- Know Your Scriptures II Peter 1:12-21
- Know Your Adversaries II Peter 2:1-22
- Know Your Prophecy II Peter 3:1-18

## Description of False Teachers - II Peter 2:10-22

- Presumptuous – eloquent but ignorant of God’s truth
- Shameless
- Greedy
- Boastful
- Slaves to corruption – yet promise freedom
- Aware of scripture – but denying its truth and power.

## How We Can Hasten the Lord’s Coming

- Prayer Matt. 6:9-10, Rev. 22:20
- Witnessing Matt. 24:14
- Obedience II Peter 3:14

## Discussion Questions

1. What do we need to handle life and to manifest godliness? II Peter 1:3
2. What is the “divine nature” – II Peter 1: 4
3. What did Peter mean by “I live in the tent of this body”? II Peter 1:13
4. How are we to put our faith into practice? II Peter 1:5-8
5. What is the evidence Peter presents which guarantees the faith he commends us? II Peter 1:16-21
6. What are some of the subtle deceptions that we must be aware of and resist?
7. What are we instructed to do as we wait for the return of Jesus Christ? II Peter 3: 17-18

## Resources Used

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman  
Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House.  
Be Alert – Warren Wiersbe  
The MacArthur Bible Commentary – John MacArthur  
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