

2 Peter Series

Lesson #63

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Peace, Salvation, Scripture
2 Peter 3:13–16



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Guard Against False Teachers

3A God refutes specific false teaching in light of the future return of Christ, 2 Peter 3:1–14

1B Peter's second reminder, 2 Peter 3:1–2

2B God refutes the false teachers' denial of the literal Second Advent, 2 Peter 3:3–13

Conclusion: Warning and Challenge

Do not fall into error, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:14–18

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2 Pet. 3:12, “looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

2 Pet. 3:13, “Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

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“to find, discover (used with
a judicial sense)”
see John 18:38; 19:4, 6;
Acts 13:28; 24:20; Gal. 2:17;
Phil. 3:9; 1 Pet. 1:7; 2:22;
Rev. 3:2**

John 19:6, “Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.’ ”

Acts 13:28, “And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.”

Acts 24:20, “Or else let those who are here themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,”

1 Pet. 1:7, “that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”

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Is this positional or experiential?

1. Positional righteousness is ours by faith, not by being diligent or making every effort.

Rom. 4:2, “For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Rom. 4:3, “For what does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ ”

2. However, there is an experiential righteousness which we are also to pursue.

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Rom. 5:1, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,”

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But on the other hand, we have an experiential peace as the result of walking by means of the Spirit, spiritual growth.

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Rom. 8:6, “For to be carnally minded is death [sin-nature-controlled thinking], but to be spiritually minded [thinking influenced by the Holy Spirit] is life and peace.”

Rom. 14:19, “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

Rom. 15:13, “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace by believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

2 Cor. 13:11, “Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Phil. 4:6–7, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God and the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension shall defend your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Phil. 4:9, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

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2 Thess. 3:16, “Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.”

1 Pet. 3:11, “Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.”

When we don't have that experiential growth producing peace ...

1 John 2:28, “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” ~NKJV

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In contrast to the false teachers:

2 Pet. 2:13, “and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,”

1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

1 Tim. 6:14, “that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing,”

James 1:27, “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

“But though we know we cannot be perfect, if we strive for perfection perhaps we might achieve excellence.”

~Vince Lombardi

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Phil. 3:7, “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted [considered] loss for Christ.

Phil. 3:8, “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ”

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 ACTS 13:4-14; 28

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