II Peter 3:10-18

Review...

- KNOWLEDGE of Christ...
 - o We have been GIVEN Grace and Peace by multiplied...
 - o We have been GIVEN all things that pertain to life and godliness...
 - o We have been GIVEN GREATEST promises making us partakers of the divine nature...
 - o GIVEN to us through the WORD like a LIGHT that shines in a DARK place...
- FALSE teachers we NEED to know the WORD because they are be among us!
- The PROMISE of God...
 - o The purpose of the LETTER is to WAKE UP our PURE MINDS...
 - o By getting us to remember the WORD of God Old and New Testaments!
 - o Knowing FIRST men will come who MOCK those who follow Jesus
 - o They will come in the Last Days questioning where is the promise of Jesus return...
 - o But they CHOSE to forget that God CREATED the world...
 - o And that God JUDGED the world with a FLOOD and will JUDGE it again one day by FIRE!
 - o The Lord is not SLOW to fulfill His PROMISE...
 - o God is LONGSUFFERING wishing that none would PERISH and all could be SAVED!

GROW IN GRACE...

- 1^{ST} The day of the Lord... vs. 10-11
 - o 1st Like a THIEF... vs. 10
 - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night!
 - The DAY of the Lord the phrase is used 32 times in the Bible...
 - 27 times in the Old Testament 5 times in the New Testament...
 - IMPORTANT the DAY of the Lord is not just one DAY...
 - It describes the TIME leading up the RETURN and Jesus and JUDGEMENT of the world!
 - The companion term that comes BEFORE the DAY of the Lord is the LAST Days...
 - The LAST days began on the day of PENTECOST Acts 2:17
 - And the LAST days CONCLUDE when the DAY of the LORD begins Acts 2:20
 - The DAY of the Lord begins with RAPTURE of the church...
 - RAPTURE from the Latin of the Greek word [ἀρπάζω] I Thessalonians 4:17
 - In CONTEXT we are told the RAPTURE will happen like a THIEF in the NIGHT...
 - **I Thessalonians 5:2** "You yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night."
 - We never know when a THIEF will come the RAPTURE will be the same way...
 - No one knows the exact day or hour only the FATHER knows Mark 13:32
 - With NO warning it will happen in the BLINK of an eye [ἄτομος] I Corinthians 15:52
 - The trumpet of God sounds the call for the church to go home I Thessalonians 4:16
 - Those who have died will have already receive their resurrected bodies II Corinthians 5:8
 - They will come with Jesus to meet us in the air in the RAPTURE...
 - All of us who are still here will be changed [μεταμορφόω] II Corinthians 3:18
 - Receive eternal bodies and we will be caught up to heaven I Corinthians 15:53
 - o 2nd The Antichrist...
 - His rise to power II Thessalonians 2:3
 - In the aftermath of the RAPTURE one BILLION people disappear...
 - And the Magog invasion God destroys armies of Russia and the Arabs Ezekiel 38

- The world will be in CHAOS one man will offer PEACE and SAFETY I Thessalonians 5:3
- This man has more than THIRTY titles in the Bible the Man of Sin the Son of Perdition...
- The big mouth Daniel 7:8 we most often refer to him as the Antichrist I John 2:18
- But he is a LIAR because he will bring neither PEACE nor SAFETY...
- It brings what is known as the time of Jacobs trouble **Jeremiah 30:7**
- The SEVEN years of Tribulation laid out in Revelation 6-18
- PEACE he will confirm a treaty with Israel for SEVEN years Daniel 9:27
 - He will be a leader who will rise out of Europe the little horn **Daniel 7:8**
 - He will make PEACE by offering to build the THIRD Temple for Israel...
 - North of the Dome of the Rock [monument] in a place called the Dome of the Spirit...
 - He will build the Temple as proof he is the MESSIAH and Jews will embrace him!
 - **John 5:43** "I have come in My Fathers name and you do not receive Me. [When] another comes in his own name him you will receive."
- SAFETY he will bring STABILITY…
 - He will bring STABILITY to governments financial markets and religion!
 - He will rule the worlds political system he will be the government...
 - He will rule the world financial system 666 mark of the beast **Revelation 13:16-18**
 - He will present himself as the Messiah god come to earth Revelation 13:3-5
 - But after 3 ½ years of the tribulation he will enter the temple into the Holiest of All...
 - There he will claim he is god the Abomination of Desolation Matthew 24:15
 - There is a good chance that this man is alive today waiting for the right time...
 - Because he cannot be revealed UNTIL the church is removed the RAPTURE...
 - If he revealed himself now we would tell everyone NOT to follow II Thessalonians 2:7
- o 3rd Wrath of Jesus Christ...
 - God pours out His wrath and judgment on a God rejecting world!
 - Laid out in the Book of Revelation 21 judgments in what we call the Tribulation...
 - Broken up into THREE sets of SEVEN judgments Seal Trumpet and Bowl judgments...
 - The terror will be so great unless God limited it no one would survive!
 - Matthew 24:22 "Unless those days were shortened no flesh would be saved."
 - The good news is we will NOT be here for during this time of terror...
 - We will NOT be RAPTURED at the END of the Tribulation Post Tribulation...
 - Because no man knows the day or the hour **Matthew 25:13**
 - If we are in the Tribulation and count 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years from the Abomination of desolation...
 - We would know the exact day that that RAPTURE of the church would take place!
 - We will NOT be RAPTURED in the MIDDLE of the tribulation Mid Tribulation…
 - As believers are not appointed to WRATH I Thessalonians 5:9
 - Yet the Tribulation is all about the WRATH of God being poured out!
 - People hold a Mid Tribulation view because of the LAST trumpet I Corinthians 15:52
 - They see this as LAST of the SEVEN trumpets blown in **Revelation 11:15**
 - Believing the WRATH of God only begins halfway through the Tribulation...
 - But by the time the SIXTH trumpet is blown 60% of the world has already perished!
 - CHURCH [ἐκκλησία] used NINETEEN times in the first THREE chapters of Revelation...
 - Then NOT mentioned again until the very end of the book Revelation 22:16
 - The CHURCH is ABSENT throughout the entire time of the Tribulation!
- o 4th The SECOND coming...
 - At the end of the SEVEN years of Tribulation...
 - The Antichrist will gather his army to the Valley of Megiddo Revelation 19:11-21
 - Then Jesus will come out of Heaven on a white horse King of Kings / Lord of Lords...

- He will return with us ten thousands of His saints Jude 1:14
- With one word he will defeat the Antichrist and his army II Thessalonians 2:8
- And the Antichrist will be the first to be thrown into the Lake of Fire **Revelation 19:20**
- The Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives **Zachariah 14:4**
 - The mountain will split in two water will come out giving life to the Dead Sea...
 - 30 days after the Return of Jesus 1290 days after the Abomination Daniel 12:11
 - Jesus will judge the nations those who survived the Tribulation Matthew 25:31-46
 - Then Jesus will establish His Millennial Kingdom Revelation 20:1-4
 - And we the CHURCH will rule and reign with Him for 1000 years I Corinthians 6:2-3
- At the end of the 1000 year reign...
 - Satan who was chained in the bottomless pit is released **Revelation 20:3**
 - He will deceive the nations into one final rebellion against God **Revelation 20:7-8**
 - But God will devour them by fire and satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire!
 - Then all will stand before the throne of God to be judged for the works of their lives...
 - **Revelation 20:11-12** "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it... And I saw the dead small and great standing before God..."
 - There will be two sets of books opened the books and the Book of Life...
 - If your name is not found written in the Book of Life the Books are opened...
 - Then you are then judged according to your works written in The Books...
 - Everything you do every word you say every thought you think...
 - Not to see if you will go to heaven or hell but to show you why you go to hell!
- o 5th The end... vs. 10-11
 - The heavens will pass away with a great noise and the elements will melt with fervent heat.
 - Both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up!
 - The conclusion of the Day of the Lord is the DESTRUCTION of the earth...
 - GREAT noise [ῥοιζηδόν] only here NT a BIG BANG
 - It may not be how the universe BEGAN but it is how it will END...
 - The elements will MELT [$\lambda \acute{\omega}$] with extreme HEAT 2x NT both in **II Peter 3**
 - Jesus will let go and the universe will erupt in a nuclear inferno Colossians 1:16
 - And all the WORKS that are in it will ALSO be burned it is all FUEL for the FIRE!
 - Then God will create a prefect sinless NEW heaven and NEW earth Revelation 21-22
 - Where those who believe in Jesus will live with Him FOREVER!
 - What manner of persons...
 - Therefore since all these things will be dissolved...
 - What manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness!
 - Considering EVERYTHING will one day DISSOLVE [λύω] how should we live our lives...
 - The answer is simple and obvious we should be HOLY and GODLY in our conduct!
 - Everything in this life is destined to burn we cannot take any of it with us...
 - People strive their whole lives to find success but what is success worth apart from God...
 - We might end up rich but all we really get is a lot of nice FIREWOOD!
 - Therefore do not miss the purpose of life by devoting TIME to something that is DOOMED...
 - How much better to invest our TIME and efforts into a Kingdom that will NEVER fade!
 - Invest is something that we can take with us to heaven people we share Jesus with!
- 2^{ND} BE DILIGENT... vs. 12-14
 - o In light of the judgement that is coming the end of the world by FIRE...
 - And the exhortation to therefore live a life that is HOLY and GODLY...
 - Peter is going to FINISH his final letter by giving us FOUR commands...

- FIRST as we LOOK forward we are commanded [imperative] to be DILIGENT!
- o 1st LOOK for the DAY of the Lord... vs. 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!
 - LOOKING [προσδοκάω] to expect or to anticipate something...
 - HASTEN [σπεύδω] 6x in NT to desire earnestly...
 - The Day of God [the end] when the heavens will burn and the earth will melt [λύω]!
 - I do not get attached to my trash I do stay up at night wondering what will happen to it...
 - I know that it is destined to be destroyed I recognize it will not last!
 - That is the same way we are to LOOK at all possessions in this world house car etc.
 - Since we know WHAT will happen to them it keeps us from getting too attached to them!
- o 2nd LOOK for a NEW heaven and earth... vs. 13
 - Nevertheless we according to His promise...
 - Look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells!
 - BUT we according to His PROMISE Revelation 21:1
 - We LOOK [προσδοκάω] constantly [present] it is something we do DAILY...
 - Because we know that in the NEW heaven and earth righteousness dwells!
 - There are those today who believe that we can establish the Kingdom of God here on earth...
 - As if somehow there is hope of REDEEMING this world saving the PLANET...
 - Not to burst a bubble but RIGHTEOUSNESS does NOT dwell here...
 - This world is destined for DESTRUCTION it will be replaced with something BETTER!
 - The Kingdom will come with the NEW heaven and earth not this old broken down one!
- o 3rd LOOK forward... vs. 14
 - Therefore beloved looking forward to these things...
 - Be diligent to be found by Him in peace without spot and blameless!
 - Therefore since we are LOOKING [προσδοκάω] forward to a NEW heaven and earth...
 - Be DILIGENT [imperative] to be found by Jesus when He returns with THREE things:
 - PEACE because we are not living for this fallen world we are looking for a NEW one!
 - Without SPOT- because we are looking to Jesus Christ who CLEANSED us I Peter 1:19
 - BLAMELESS because all of our sin has been PAID for on the cross!
 - Be DILIGENT to look forward because there is a danger to looking back…
 - Lots wife LOOKED back and she became a pillar of salt Genesis 19:26
 - She was un-willing to leave the world behind and it cost her life!
 - The danger of living life on the fence is falling off on the wrong side...
 - It is not worth the danger to play around with the love of this world...
 - It is far too easy to fall in love with this world miss Jesus be left behind!
- 3^{RD} Consider... vs. 15-16
 - o 1^{st} The longsuffering of the Lord... vs. 15
 - Consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation!
 - SECOND command [imperative] we are given in light of living a HOLY and GODLY life...
 - CONSIDER $[\dot{\eta}\gamma\acute{\epsilon}o\mu\alpha\iota]$ to count think about or ponder...
 - We are to CONSIDER that the longsuffering of our Lord is SALVATION...
 - LONGSUFFERING [μακροθυμέω] compound word LONG [μακρο] ANGER [θυμέω]
 - We are DILIGENT to LOOK for the Day of the Lord and the NEW heaven and earth...
 - BUT we also need to CONSIDER the longer it takes to come the more who can be saved…
 - It can be frustrating to see the moral decline around us infuriating to see men mock God...

- But God is longsuffering giving those very same men TIME to turn and be SAVED!
- o 2nd Cross reference... vs. 15-16
 - As also our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given to him...
 - Has written to you as also in all his epistles speaking in them of these things!
 - Peter was not the only one who wrote about the LONGSUFFERING of the Lord...
 - Paul also wrote according to the wisdom given [passive] to him...
 - We are not sure which particular passaged Peter is referring to...
 - But in general he is confirming the principle of cross referencing to validate biblical truth!
 - You may have noticed that we often will quote verses from other parts of the Bible...
 - The reason is because it helps us make sure we are interpreting the passage correctly...
 - If something is important: Jesus taught it disciples did it [Acts] the epistles confirm it!
- o 3rd Interpret the Word... vs. 16
 - In which are some things hard to understand!
 - Some of the LETTERS of Paul were HARD to understand...
 - Not because Paul wrote them in a way that was difficult to comprehend...
 - But because SPIRITUAL truths cannot be understood by SINFUL minds!
 - I Corinthians 2:14 "The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."
 - It might seem HARD to understand we are to LOOK for Jesus to RETURN...
 - But at the same time we also CONSIDER it is good if He WAITS...
 - But when through the Spirit we realize although the God will JUDGE a sinful world...
 - It is His LOVE that causes Him to WAIT giving men a chance to REPENT!
 - Which some untaught and unstable people twist...
 - Which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction...
 - As they do also the rest of the Scriptures!
 - UNTAUGHT [ἀ $\mu\alpha\theta\eta\varsigma$] someone who has is NOT a disciple [$\mu\alpha\theta\eta\tau\eta\varsigma$] of Jesus...
 - ullet UNSTABLE negative of [στηρίζω] describing one who is not established no foundation...
 - TWIST [στρεβλόω] only here NT a word that means to torture or to pervert...
 - NOT just the teachings of PAUL they twist the rest of the Bible as well...
 - And they do this to their own DESTRUCTION [ἀπώλεια] eternal separation from God!
 - One of the most important concepts in understanding the Bible is CONTEXT...
 - Interpreting a verse or passage in relation to the surrounding verses....
 - Most errors in Bible interpretation come from taking a verse out of CONTEXT...
 - It is easy to change the meaning of a single verse when taken out of CONTEXT...
 - That is why we study the whole Bible teachings chapter by chapter book by book...
 - So we learn the Bible in CONTEXT making sure we do not twist the Word!
- $\mathbf{4}^{\text{TH}}$ **B**EWARE... vs. 17
 - o 1st We KNOW...
 - You therefore beloved since you know this beforehand!
 - Therefore BELOVED [ἀγαπητός] those whom God LOVES...
 - KNOW before [προγινώσκω] where we get the word PROGNOSIS…
 - We already KNOW we are to be DILIGENT to LOOK for a NEW heaven and earth...
 - We already KNOW we are CONSIDER the longsuffering of the Lord...
 - We already KNOW we are to be careful not to TWIST the Word of God!
 - o 2nd BEWARE...
 - Beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness led away with the error of the wicked!
 - THIRD command [imperative] we are given in light of living a HOLY and GODLY life...

- BEWARE [φυλάσσω] to GUARD or PROTECT from danger...
- So we are not LED AWAY [συναπάγω] to be CARRIED off captive [passive]
- By the WICKED [ἄθεσμος] used to describe the sinner in Sodom and Gomorrah **II Peter 2:7**
- FALL STUMBLE in our walk losing our FOUNDATION [adjective form of στηρίζω]
- Paul had to confront Peter when he would NOT eat with GENTILES...
- Barnabas did not BEWARE and was LED ASTRAY by Peter in a WICKED error...
- They had FALLEN back into the trap of the LAW they could ONLY eat with JEWS...
- As a result they FELL from the sure foundation that is the GRACE of God!
- Galatians 2:13 "And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with [Peter] so that even Barnabas was carried away [συναπάγω] with their hypocrisy."
- Too often men believe what they are told because they are looking to a person...
- We should not just accept the words of men no matter who is teaching...
- Instead look to the Bible for the answers verifying what they say in the Word!
- Acts 17:11 "Search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so."

• 5^{TH} - Grow... vs. 18

- o 1st In GRACE...
 - Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
 - FOURTH command [imperative] we are given in light of living a HOLY and GODLY life...
 - GROW [αὐξάνω] to increase or become greater...
 - We are commanded to constantly [present] be growing in GRACE...
 - GRACE [χάρις] 156x in NT [its important] means a GIFT...
 - It SPEAK of the POWER of God given FREELY to those who HUMBLY ask I Peter 5:5
 - Paul asked God THREE times to take away his thorn II Corinthians 12:9-10
 - And THREE times God answered and told him no the thorn stayed...
 - Because His GRACE was sufficient for Paul his weakness made Paul depend on God!
 - The KEY to the living a HOLY and GODLY life is the POWER of God...
 - When we realize we CANNOT when we FAIL enough times...
 - In HUMILITY we come to the LORD and ask for HELP He gives us GRACE...
 - He freely gives us His SPIRIT so we have the POWER to live for Him…
 - When we LEARN to look to the Lord depend upon Him and NOTHING is impossible!
- o 2nd In KNOWLEDGE...
 - We are commanded to constantly [present] be growing in KNOWLEDGE...
 - KNOWLEDGE [γν $\tilde{\omega}$ σις] indicates a relation knowing a person...
 - Who are we to get to KNOW our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
 - The KEY to the living a HOLY and GODLY life is the KNOWING Jesus...
 - The more time with SPEND with the Lord the more we will KNOW the Lord…
 - The more excited we will be for the Lord to come!
 - To Him be the glory both now and forever [every day]. Amen!