



2 Peter: Established in the Truth

A photograph of ancient Greek temple ruins, featuring several tall, fluted columns and a partially collapsed entablature against a cloudy sky. The image is overlaid with a dark blue horizontal band containing white text.

Devoted Due to the Day of the Lord

2 Peter 3:8-13

An Exposition through 2 Peter: Established in the Truth

FOUR CLARIFICATIONS OF GOD'S ACTIVITY IN FUTURE JUDGMENT

I. God's Patience (2 Peter 3:8-9)

Delivered from the Day of the Lord

II. God's Punishment (2 Peter 3:10, 12)

Defined by the Day of the Lord

III. God's People (2 Peter 3:11-12)

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“In light of God’s promised judgment, Peter challenged his readers to live in keeping with their Christian hope—allowing their anticipation of Christ’s return to impact their **daily behavior**.” *(Dr. Tom Schreiner)*

III. God's People (2 Peter 3:11-12)

- 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

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- “**Holy conduct**” = a set-apart-to-Jesus lifestyle reflecting His character and priorities for heavenly living **now**.
- “**Godliness**” = Godlikeness in your inner person that leads to Godlikeness in your actions—godly acts
- Peter's **main concern** is that we own our duty and take full advantage of our **responsibility** for holy living now.

III. God's **People** (2 Peter 3:11-12)

- The **end** of things is God's purpose for everything. "The end of the story is the whole point of the story." *(John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue)*
- "The more a Christian lives in light of Jesus's coming, the more his godliness should **increase**." *(MacArthur/Mayhue)*

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- *“The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to **every person**. For God will bring **every act** to judgment, **everything** which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.” (Eccles. 12:13-14)*

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- Peter connects the **timing** of the day of God with the timing of the day of the Lord.

*“...looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, **because of which** the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!”*

IV. God's Promise (2 Peter 3:13)

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