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A Practical Study of 2 Peter: A Winner's Game Plan

“What It Takes to Break the Tape”

STUDY NUMBER ONE – “HERE’S WHAT YOU HAVE” – 2 PETER 1:1-4

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v. 1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

v. 2 May grace and peace be yours in ever greater measure in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

v. 3 seeing that His divine power has generously given to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by means of His own glory and virtue.

v. 4 Through which [things] He has generously given to us His precious and exceedingly great promises, in order that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the destruction in the world caused by desire.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 1:1-4 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Peter refer to himself in verse 1?

3. What is his wish for them in verse 2?

4. What has “His divine power” given to us, according to verse 3?

5. Explain the phrase “through the true knowledge of Him” in verse 3.

6. What two things stand out in the latter part of verse 3 as the means of His calling us?

7. What has He given us in verse 4?

8. What have we “escaped” by receiving Jesus Christ, according to verse 4?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Faith is the single condition of God's work in declaring us righteous before Him.

LESSON #2: The more we get to know Him, the greater will be our experience of grace and peace.

LESSON #3: He has provided everything we need for life and godliness.

LESSON #4: We find the answer to our every need in Jesus Christ.

LESSON #5: When we exercise faith in His power, His person, His promises, He makes us partakers of the divine nature.

LESSON #6: Desire energizes the old nature to produce sin, which leads to destruction.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – “HERE’S WHAT YOU DO” – 2 PETER 1:5-11

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v. 5 Now for this very reason also, having added on your part every intense effort, provide lavishly in your faith the aforementioned virtue, and in the virtue, knowledge;

v. 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness;

v. 7 and in your godliness, brotherly affection, and in your brotherly affection, the divine love.

v. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they are rendering you neither unemployed nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

v.9 For he who is lacking these qualities is so shortsighted that he is blind, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

v.10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you are doing these things, you will never stumble.

v.11 For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we to add on our part, according to verse 5?

3. Outline the seven qualities mentioned in verses 5, 6 & 7.

4. What do these qualities do for you, according to verse 8?

5. What is true of those who lack these qualities, according to verse 9?

6. What are we commanded to do in verse 10?

7. What is the result of doing these things, according to verse 10?

8. What will be “provided for you,” according to verse 11?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Peter sees the Christian life as an intense effort on our part, providing lavishly in our faith a number of character traits.

LESSON #2: As you examine yourself in these seven areas, do you feel comfortable with the present condition of your spiritual walk with God?

LESSON #3: We are to be employed and fruitful in seeing that these qualities are increasing in our lives.

LESSON #4: If these qualities are not becoming increasingly manifest in our lives, it's because we are out of fellowship with the Lord.

LESSON #5: We are commanded to be all the more diligent about these things so that we do not stumble.

LESSON #6: As we provide lavishly for these qualities in our lives, so we will be richly provided an entrance into the eternal kingdom.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – “HERE’S HOW I’LL HELP – 2 PETER 1:12-21

v.12 Therefore, I shall always be ready to be reminding you concerning these things, even though you know them and have been firmly established in the truth which is present with you.

v.13 Indeed, I am considering it my duty (right), as long as I am in this tent, to keep on stirring you up by way of reminder,

v.14 knowing that the laying aside of my earthly tent is very soon, even as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

v.15 Indeed, I will also do my best that at any time after my departure you may be able to call these things to mind.

v.16 For we did not follow cleverly devised fables when we made known to you the power and personal coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but became eyewitnesses of that One's magnificence.

v.17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such a voice as this was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased."

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v.18 And we ourselves heard this voice borne along out from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

v.19 And we are having the prophetic word as something altogether reliable, to which you are doing well to be paying attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

v.20 But knowing this first of all, that every prophecy of Scripture is not originating from one's own interpretation.

v.21 For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men being carried along by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 1:12-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does he promise to do for them in verse 12?

3. How does he refer to his body in verse 13?

4. What does he say is going to be happening to him soon in verse 14?

5. What two things did he make known to them, according to verse 16?

6. What did the Father say of the Son, according to verse 17?

7. What event does Peter refer to in verse 18?

8. How was "prophecy" given, according to verse 21?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is our responsibility to always be ready to encourage and exhort one another.

LESSON #2: Our body is like a tent that we lay aside at the hour of our death.

LESSON #3: Death should hold no fears for the believer because he is absent from the body and present with the Lord.

LESSON #4: Let us so live that we too will hear from the lips of our Father, This is my beloved child with whom I am well pleased.

LESSON #5: We are challenged to pay attention to the prophetic word.

LESSON #6: God the Father sometimes gives us a little glimpse of glory before we get there to encourage and to prepare us for our arrival.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR – “HERE’S WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO FACE” – 2 PETER 2:1-9

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v. 1 But there arose also false prophets among the people, just as there will be also false teachers among you, who will bring in destructive opinions, even denying the Master who purchased them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

v. 2 And many will follow their inclination to sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

v. 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not sleeping.

v. 4 for if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, being reserved for judgment;

v. 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

v. 6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to the ungodly of things about to come;

v. 7 and if He rescued righteous Lot, being completely worn down by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men,

v. 8 for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, they were tormenting his righteous soul day after day with their lawless deeds,

v. 9 the Lord is knowing how to be delivering the godly out of testing (temptation), and to be keeping the unrighteous for the day of judgment to be punished,

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 2:1-9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Characterize the “false prophets,” according to verse 1.

3. What will happen to “the way of truth,” according to verse 2?

4. How will they “exploit you,” according to verse 3?

5. What illustration does he use of the certainty of judgment, according to verse 4?

6. What illustration does he use of judgment in verse 5?

7. What illustration does he use in verses 6-8 concerning judgment?

8. What two things is the Lord knowing how to do, according to verse 9?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: False teachers will deny the shedding of blood for the remission of sins.

LESSON #2: The false teachers are inclined toward living by desires.

LESSON #3: The false teachers are greedy.

LESSON #4: God's judgment is swift and certain.

LESSON #5: The Lord is knowing how to be delivering the godly out of testing or temptation.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE – “HERE’S HOW THEY LOOK” – 2 PETER 2:10-22**NOTES**

v.10 and especially those who are going after the flesh in corrupting desire and who are caring nothing for authority. Presumptuous, stubborn, they are not trembling when they are defaming those in exalted positions,

v.11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power are not bringing a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

v.12 But these, like unreasoning animals, having been born as creatures of instinct to be caught and killed, reviling where they are having no knowledge; shall in their destroying surely be destroyed,

v.13 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They are counting it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they are feasting together with you;

v.14 Having eyes that are full of [desire for] an adulteress and unceasingly looking for sin; enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;

v.15 leaving the right way they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,

v.16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression; for a dumb donkey, speaking with a voice of a man; restrained the insanity of the prophet.

v.17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the blackness of the darkness has been reserved.

v.18 For they are speaking high-sounding but empty words. They are enticing by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who are just about escaping from the ones who are living in error

v.19 Promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man has been defeated, by this he has been enslaved.

v.20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again being entangled being overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

v.21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment which was delivered to them.

v.22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “A sow, having been bathed, to its rolling in the mire.”

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 2:10-22 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Characterize the false teachers, according to verses 10-12.

3. How is the principle of “whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” illustrated in verse 13?

4. How are they characterized further in verses 14 & 15?

5. How did Balaam receive a “rebuke,” according to verse 16?

6. How are they described further in verses 17-19?

7. What would be better for them, according to verse 21?

8. State the proverb and explain it in verse 22.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The false teachers are living above authority and controlled by desire.

LESSON #2: They have association without acceptance; religion without a relationship.

LESSON #3: The false teachers spend a lot of time on new converts.

LESSON #4: The false teachers are characterized by greed or covetousness.

LESSON #5: They are promising freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption.

LESSON #6: By what a man has been defeated, by this he has been enslaved.

LESSON #7: It is better not to have known than to have known and turned away from the way of righteousness.

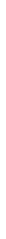
LESSON #8: The dog and pig represent people who have never become sheep.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – “HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO REMEMBER” – 2 PETER 3:1-7

v. 1 This already, beloved, is a second letter I am writing to you, in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,
v. 2 That you should remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.
v. 3 Knowing this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own desires,

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v. 4 and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' For ever since the fathers fell asleep all things are remaining just as it was from the beginning of creation.

v. 5 For when they are maintaining this, it is escaping their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water;

v. 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed by being flooded with water.

v. 7 But the present heavens and earth by His word have been reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 3:1-7 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is his objective, according to verse 1?

3. What two things does he want them to remember, according to verse 2?

4. What is going to be happening in the last days, according to verse 3?

5. What question is going to be asked, according to verse 4?

6. What is their main argument, according to verse 4?

7. How was the world in the past destroyed, according to verse 6?

8. What is the destiny of the “present heavens and earth,” according to verse 7?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is Peter’s purpose to stir them up by way of a reminder.

LESSON #2: We need to remember the words of the prophets and the commandment of the Lord.

LESSON #3: We should not be surprised by the mockery of those who know not the Christ.

LESSON #4: It is not always going to be business as usual because God is faithful to fulfill His promises.

LESSON #5: Judgment is certain because God has promised that it will happen.

LESSON #6: The best way to remember is to memorize it and hide it in your heart.

LESSON #7: The best defense is to remember what you know.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – “HERE’S WHAT’S GOING TO HAPPEN” – 2 PETER 3:8-10

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v. 8 But do not let this one fact be escaping your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

v. 9 The Lord of the promise is not delaying, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not desiring for any to perish but for all to make room for (come to) repentance.

v.10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens with a rushing roar will be dissolved, and the elements will be destroyed by burning, and the earth and the works in it shall be found [and disappear].

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 3:8-10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What one fact should they keep in mind, according to verse 8?

3. State the Lord’s relationship to the “promise” and then His attitude toward us, according to verse 9.

4. What does the Lord want us to do, according to verse 9?

5. What is meant by the term, “the day of the Lord” in verse 10?

6. How will the “day of the Lord” come, according to verse 10?

7. What will happen to the “heavens” in the “day of the Lord,” according to verse 10?

8. What will happen to the “earth” in the “day of the Lord,” according to verse 10?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We cannot put time limits on the promises of God.

LESSON #2: A day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

LESSON #3: The Lord of the promise is not delaying.

LESSON #4: God is patient and has no desire for anyone to perish.

LESSON #5: It is His desire that we repent.

LESSON #6: The day of the Lord will come when you least expect it and rob you of any further opportunities to get to know the Lord.

LESSON #7: The present heavens and earth are going to be dissolved, destroyed and disappear.

LESSON #8: Judging by past performance, we ought to have a present certainty of a fantastic future.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Study Number Eight – “Here’s the Key to Winning” – 2 Peter 3:11-18**NOTES**

v.11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
v.12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens being on fire will be destroyed, and the elements burning up are being melted.
v.13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness is dwelling,
v.14 Therefore, beloved, since you are looking for these things, make every effort to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,
v.15 and be considering the patience of our Lord to be salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote to you,
v.16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are unlearned and lacking stability are distorting (twisting), as they are also doing with the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.
v.17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be constantly on your guard, lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness,
v.18 but be constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Peter 3:11-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. In light of total destruction, what does Peter say about us in verse 11?

3. What two things are we to be doing, according to verse 12?

4. What are we looking for, according to verse 13?

5. In light of these events, what are we supposed to do, according to verse 14?

6. How does Peter refer to Paul's writings, according to verse 16?

7. What warning is given in verse 17?

8. What are we commanded to do in verse 18?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study? LESSON

#1: Holy conduct and godliness ought to be top priorities in our lives. LESSON

#2: The present heavens and earth are going to be destroyed by fire.

LESSON #3: We need to be making every effort to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

LESSON #4: The two keys for winning in the game of life: (1) Be constantly on your guard and (2) Be constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
