

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Sept 1 Peter 1:1-12 A Living Hope
- 2) 11 Sept 1 Peter 1:13-25 Be Holy
- 3) 18 Sept 1 Peter 2:1-10 Building Our Faith
- 4) 25 Sept 1 Peter 2:11-25 Living as Strangers
- 5) 02 Oct 1 Peter 3:1-12 Living in Relationship
- 6) 09 Oct 1 Peter 3:13-22 Always Ready
- 7) 16 Oct 1 Peter 4:1-11 Equipped to Live
- 8) 23 Oct 1 Peter 4:12-19 When Ridiculed
- 9) 30 Oct 1 Peter 5:1-14 Alert Living
- 10) 6 Nov 2 Peter 1:1-11 Being Useful
- 11) 13 Nov 2 Peter 1:12-21 With Trust
- 12) 20 Nov 2 Peter 2:1-22 / Jude 1-25 On Guard
- 13) 27 Nov 2 Peter 3:1-18 With Anticipation

INTRODUCTION

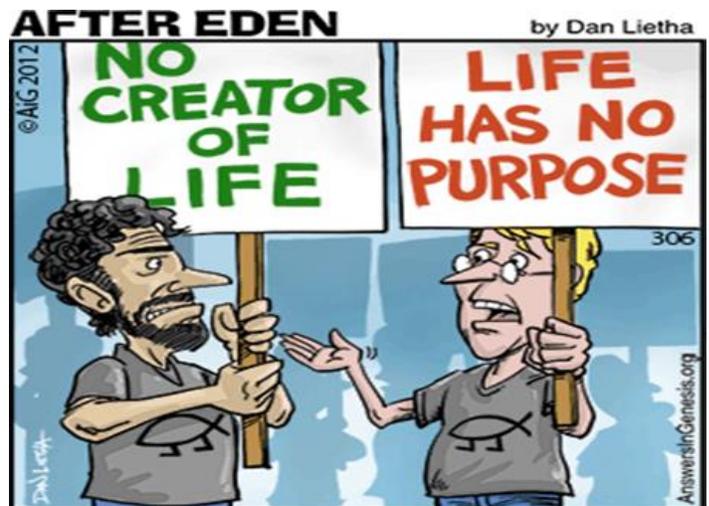
- Peter wraps up by addressing more hard-hitting truths:
 1. The apparent delay of Christ’s second coming caused some to question whether He would return
 2. Peter’s opponents expressed the view that the world will go on as it always had with no interventions from God
 3. Peter reminds his readers to remember and hang on to the words spoken by Jesus and God’s prophets and apostles
 4. The future awaits for the destruction of the world by fire and the construction of a new heavens and a new earth
 5. Therefore we need to be spotless and blameless in our walk between now and then

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| 2Peter 3:1-4 | <p>Scoffers Claim Uniformitarianism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter, in both of his letters, intended to stimulate his readers to wholesome thinking through reminders (NIV) • Uniformitarianism asserts the same natural processes and laws observable today have always been in effect • If this is true, then based on evolutionary claims that the earth is 4.6B years old, the earth’s magnetic field would have depleted itself in less than 20,000 years (see AIG Link #1); the salinity in the ocean would be so high sea life would be impossible; erosion would have flattened all mountains; the moon would have escaped earth’s gravity, and even the sun’s heat (or the lack thereof) would have made the earth lifeless • Uniformitarianism and macro-evolutionary dogma are both unable to validate their positions scientifically, historically, geologically, or philosophically |
| 3:5-6 | <p>Willful Ignorance Leads to Doctrinal Error</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KJV – “...they willingly are ignorant...” The Message – “They conveniently forget...” NIV – “...they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed...” • People of old & modern skeptics willfully ignore sound scientific and historical evidences of God’s handiwork • The phrase “out of water and by water” may simply summarize the creation account in Gen 1:6-10 • Some believe the concept of a “Canopy of Water” that might have enveloped the earth prior to the Great Flood, but this has some indefensible scientific arguments (see AIG Link #2) |
| Science vs God’s Word | <p>True science is based on accurate observational data and reasonable assumptions to yield repeatable results. However, history, without an accurate written record, often relies on miniscule archeological evidence with subjective assumptions to figure out what might have happened in the past. Thank God for the Bible!</p> |

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| 3:7-10 | <p>God’s Word Foretells Destruction of the World by Fire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science says the universe will fizzle out and turn cold in a few more billion years • The Bible says the universe will be cataclysmically destroyed and recreated • The phrase “destruction of ungodly men” does not mean unbelievers will be annihilated • v8. God who created space and time is not subject to them and never needs to rush to accomplish His goals • v9. God desires everyone to make it to Heaven, which means He made it possible for everyone to believe • v10. The end is inevitable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The heavens will pass away with a loud noise 2. The elements will burn and be dissolved 3. Our works will be disclosed or judged |
| 3:11-14 | <p>Since We Know the End Is In Our Favor – Live Right</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter did not recommend a change of schedule or the selling of one’s possessions • The end of all things is certain, but the timing is vague • Our Job. “Make every effort” to stay holy as He is holy • New Outlook. Don’t get too attached to earthly things |
| 3:15-16 | <p>Peter Puts Paul’s Writings on Par with Scripture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “...our Lord’s patience means salvation” – This is the key to God’s plan to save as many as want to be saved • Paul attempted to convey these same truths from Romans to Philemon – that God wants to save the lost – though these truths have been twisted over the years |
| 3:17-18 | <p>Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avoid falling prey to error we must make the time and effort to grow spiritually. Osmosis doesn’t work |

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- Peter rebutted the uniformitarianism view that the world will last forever. God acted decisively at creation; during the cataclysmic flood; and will do so again at the end of the ages. Since God is outside of Time, His reasons to delay judgment allows the unrepentant time to repent
- Where do we stand on the authority of God’s word? Is it just in worship or is it authoritative in all areas of our life to include work, play, and home?



Why is it so important we tell this to others? We should eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.