

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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“All’s well that ends well” 2 Peter 3: 10-18

1. Describe a dilapidated old building you know of, that was demolished because there was no point in trying to fix it up? What was built in its place?
2. Our earth will reach a point where God will say “enough is enough” and destroy the earth as we know it and create “*a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.*” Discuss when you think that this will happen
3. Can you imagine a place where God is honoured, where there is peace, prosperity, righteousness and justice, no more sickness, tears, pain, death, abuse, violence or corruption? Are you eagerly looking forward to such a place or are you a little apprehensive about the future?
4. Imagine winning a fabulous holiday to Bali. How could you prepare for your holiday to ensure that you had the most amazing time? We can prepare for a new life in heaven by “*being spotless, blameless and at peace with God*” This is a matter of desire, attitude, relationship and commitment. How are you growing in godliness? What areas do you struggle in?

5. God has kept postponing the judgment of the world because he wants to give more time for people to come to repentance v15. He may be waiting for a loved one you are praying for. How can we do more to help in this process of bringing people to repentance?

6. Peter says "*There are some things in Paul's letters that are hard to understand*" v16. It should be expected that preaching will sometimes be deep and demanding, although a good teacher should be able to simplify complicated things. What Christian doctrine do you find most confusing?

7. John Stott says that *lengthy exposure to television tends to produce physical laziness, intellectual flabbiness, emotional exhaustion, psychological confusion and moral disorientation*. Have you seen TV series influence people in these ways? How are you protecting your family against it?

8. Peter warns against "*ignorant and unstable people who distort the Scriptures, to their own destruction*" v16. Can you give some examples of this type of teaching?

9. "I find that I can take, suggestions, warnings and criticism much better from people who love me and want the best for me". Peter uses this approach in v17. Are you gentle in the way you correct people? Who do you get the most uptight with?

10. *“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* This is the antidote to deception and destruction. *“To him be glory both now and forever.”* To “glorify” means “to enhance the reputation. Are you growing in grace and knowledge of Jesus?

11. Who you desperately want to yield their life to Jesus be included in his Kingdom? Pray for these people.