

Scoffing at the Scoffers

2 Peter 3

³ Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. 2 Peter 3:3

“Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.” --Will Rogers

Having a wrong view of God will cause you to have a wrong view of _____!

Scoffers or Serious?

Scoffing at the.... 1. Return of Christ 2. Certainty of Judgment 3. Establishing of His Kingdom

But God shows His anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.....they know the truth..... Romans 1:18-19a

SCOFFERS FAVORITE SUBJECTS....

GOD’S Word (3:1-4)

This is my second letter [2 Peter] to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory. ² I want you to remember and understand what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles ³ First, I want to remind you that in the last days there will be scoffers who will laugh at the truth and do every evil thing they desire. ⁴ This will be their argument: “Jesus promised to come back, did He? Then where is He? Why, as far back as anyone can remember, everything has remained exactly the same since the world was first created.” 2 Peter 3:1-4

Good teaching/discipleship **Stimulates, Reminds and Explains!** (Rom. 13:11-14).

What do scoffers do? Laugh [mock deride] God’s Word *laugh at the truth*

What do scoffers want? To continue in _____ *do every evil thing they desire*

What do scoffers say? God does not exist, or He is mean *Then where is He*

What do scoffers believe? Uniformity, man is boss *everything has remained exactly the same*

Every Cult or Non-Biblical System operates the same

1. **Attack God’s** _____ *Did God really say... eat or touch it.....you won’t die....*

2. **Assume God’s** _____ *God knows that your eyes will be opened You will become just like God*

GOD'S Work Is Consistent (3:5-7) "God made...used...commanded.."

They **deliberately forget** that God made the heavens by the word of His command, and He brought the earth up from the water and surrounded it with water. ⁶ Then He used the water to destroy the world with a mighty flood. ⁷ And God has also commanded that the heavens and the earth will be consumed by fire on the day of judgment, when ungodly people will perish. 2 Peter 3:5-7

CREATION (5) by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed. (NIV)

CATASTROPHE (6) the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. (NIV)

CONTINUATION (7a) by the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved. (NIV) Colossians 1:15-17

CONCLUSION (7b) reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (NIV)

⁹ We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.

Proverbs 16:9

²¹ You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail.

Proverbs 19:21

GOD'S Will Is Merciful (3:8-10) He is being patient for your sake.

⁸ But you must not forget, dear friends, that a day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. **He does not want anyone to perish**, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be exposed to judgment. 2 Peter 3:8-10

>God is **TIMELESS** that a day is like a thousand years to the Lord.

>God is _____ **He does not want anyone to perish** so He is giving more time.

>God is **TIMELY** But the day of the Lord **will come**.

Our Part

Live Godly Lives (11-14)

Win The Lost (15-16)

Grow Spiritually (17-18)

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering
Received
November 20, 2016
\$ 5,969.29

ANSWERS:

L i f e, Sin, World, Place, Tenderhearted