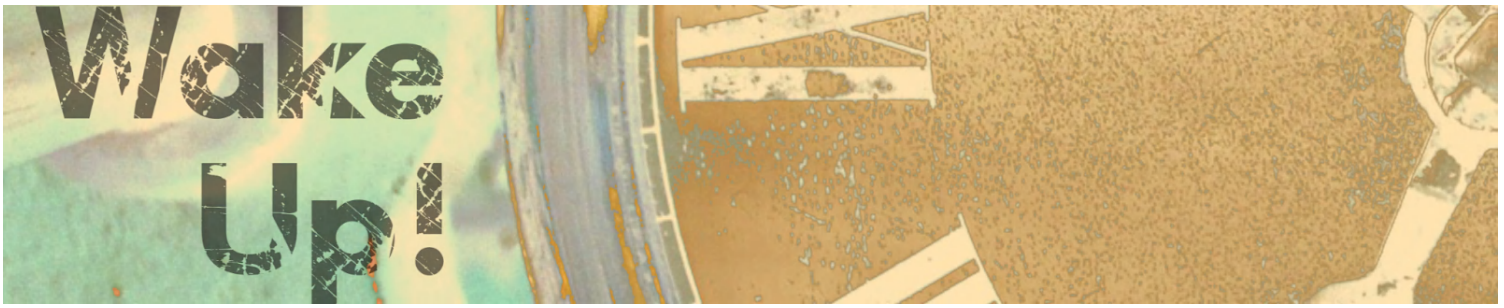


Connect Together

What are some things, part of your daily/weekly routine, you maintain or keep clean? Why is it important to maintain or clean them regularly? What would happen if you didn't? Who would it impact and how might others feel?

Lesson Verses - 2 Peter 3:14-18 (CSB)

14 Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things, make every effort to be found without spot or blemish in his sight, at peace. 15 Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him. 16 He speaks about these things in all his letters. There are some things hard to understand in them. The untaught and unstable will twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures. 17 Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard, so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stable position. 18 But grow 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.



Study & Apply

1. a. What is the point of maintaining holiness before the new universe comes? (vv.9, 11; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; 1 John 2:5, 4:19)

   b. Being that it is hard to maintain godly holiness, how is it possible as Christ followers to live this way? (v.18; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:24; Luke 18:27)

   c. What's the relationship between repentance and salvation in 2 Peter 3? Why must there be such a relationship? (2 Corinthians 7:10; Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30)

APPLY: Our daily walk with the Lord over time has an effect of revealing our ungodliness and character flaws which lack the fruits of the Spirit. What are some Biblical truths that allow us to cope with our own shortcomings?

2. a. What does Peter mean by "untaught" in his warning? (Hint: they do know the scriptures. James 1:8; Matthew 7:26;)

   b. Romans 6:14 says we are *not under law but under grace*. Peter warns us to guard ourselves against the lawless people. What is the stability he mentions? (James 1:4-5; 3:13-15; Matthew 7:24; Ephesians 4:13-16)

APPLY: Peter writes some have been confused by Paul's teachings. What can we do when we encounter possible errors someone makes? (2 Timothy 2:25)



Discuss & Share

Unity within different denominations could be both healthy and/or unhealthy. Where do you draw the line? What is more important, what they say and teach or what they are known for? How far must we go to protect our own reputation and when should we be bold in our associations?



Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.