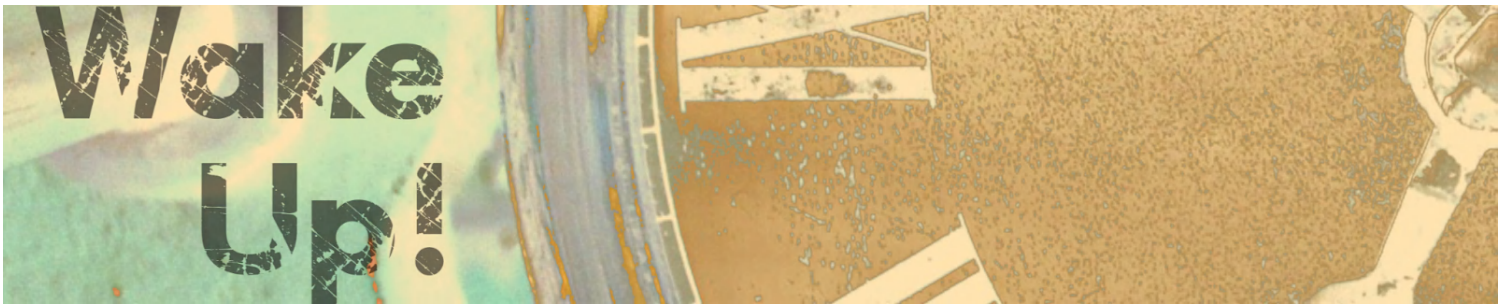


Connect Together

Finish this sentence: The one thing that you must always remember is…

Lesson Verses - 2 Peter 3:1-7 (CSB)

1 Dear friends, this is now the second letter I have written to you; in both letters, I want to stir up your sincere understanding by way of reminder, 2 so that you recall the words previously spoken by the holy prophets and the command of our Lord and Savior given through your apostles. 3 Above all, be aware of this: Scoffers will come in the last days scoffing and following their own evil desires, 4 saying, “Where is his ‘coming’ that he promised? Ever since our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they have been since the beginning of creation.” 5 They deliberately overlook this: By the word of God the heavens came into being long ago and the earth was brought about from water and through water. 6 Through these the world of that time perished when it was flooded. 7 By the same word, the present heavens and earth are stored up for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.



Study & Apply

1. Peter points out that the people often forget the works of God in the past.

   a. When our faith is being attacked, what are we to do?
   (v.2; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Peter 5:9; Revelation 22:12)

   b. How do we practically stand firm in our faith?
   (Romans 4:20-21; Romans 10:17; Romans 5:3-5; Proverbs 3:5-6)

   c. How does looking forward to Christ's return give you hope in persecution?
   (Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Matthew 16:27)

APPLY: What are verses that give you a future hope in the Lord, that help you to deal with trying time?

2. a. What event does Peter refer to and what is the point in bringing it up?
   (Hebrews 6:4-6; Matthew 7:21-23; Ephesians 1:13-14)

   b. If everything will be consumed by fire, why live a godly life here and now?
   (Matthew 6:19-20, 33; Ephesians 6:7-8; Colossians 3:24)

APPLY: Read Psalm 37:1-13. How do these verses work "in you" when facing ridicule, attack, or other difficult circumstances?



Discuss & Share

What is the proper response when we are being scoffed at and mocked for our faith? What does a Godly response look like in the face of persecution? How does keeping our composure show our faith?



Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.