

# CALVINISM AND UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION 2 PETER 3

Text:

Introduction:

## 1. DESCRIPTION (VS. 3-5)

### 2 Peter 3:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. <sup>5</sup> For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

Notice:

A. They Will Falsify the Facts Concerning the Future Judgment (vs. 3-4)

- Scoffers
- Walking After Their Own Lust
- Questioning the Return of the Lord

## B. They Will Deliberately Forget the Facts Concerning the Past Judgment (vs. 5)

- Willingly Ignorant Of

Note also some description of the last days.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. <sup>2</sup>For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, <sup>4</sup>Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup>Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- Lovers of Self
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- Having a Form of Godliness
- Deny the Power of God

## **2. DESTRUCTION (VS. 7, 10, 12)**

### **2 Peter 3:7**

<sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

## **2 Peter 3:10**

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

## **2 Peter 3:12**

<sup>12</sup> Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

### A. The Fact of this Destruction (vs. 7)

The same God who once sent the flood will one day send fire.

### B. The Fury of this Destruction (vs. 10, 12)

It will utterly consume both earthly and heavenly elements.

## **3. DELAY (VS. 8-9)**

### **2 Peter 3:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

### A. The Timelessness of God (vs. 8)

A day to God is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

## B. The Tenderness of God (vs. 9)

He is patient, not wanting anyone to perish.

## 4. DESIRE (VS. 9)

### 2 Peter 3:9

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

- Christ died and paid the sin debt of all men.

### 1 John 2:2

<sup>2</sup>And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

- God desires that all (not the elect or those predestined) to be saved.

### 1 Timothy 2:3-6

<sup>3</sup>For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; <sup>4</sup>Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; <sup>6</sup>Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

### Ezekiel 33:11

<sup>11</sup>Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no

pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Because of God's love and His desire for all men He offers the gift of grace to all men.

### **Acts 17:30**

<sup>30</sup> And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

### **1 John 4:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. <sup>8</sup> He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

### **1 John 4:16**

<sup>16</sup> And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

### **Romans 1:18-23**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; <sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. <sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: <sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Men are saved based on their acceptance or reaction of God's gift of grace which He offers to all men.

## 5. DEDICATION (vs. 11-12, 14-18)

### 2 Peter 3:11-12

<sup>11</sup> *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, <sup>12</sup> Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

### 2 Peter 3:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. <sup>15</sup> And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; <sup>16</sup> As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. <sup>17</sup> Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. <sup>18</sup> But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

In light of all this, two biblical writers admonish believers to live godly and holy lives.

### A. Peter's Exhortation (3:11-12, 14-18)

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Close:

We should thank God that He has given us a will to come to Him.