



N.T. Survey

2 Peter

Theme: True & False Christianity

Outline:	I. Holiness	1
	II. Heresy	2
	III. Hope	3



Content Summary: Written to expose false teachers, 2 Peter reminds Christians to remain steadfast in essential truths: their true salvation, the truth of the apostolic message, the truth that false teachers will come to deceive and the truth that judgment is coming.

Key Chapters:

1. Make your calling and election sure; know the truth
2. Be sure that false teachers will give false assurance
3. Certainty that God will judge the world

Key Passages:

- 1:8-9 Keys to being effective and fruitful
 1:10 ...be eager to make your calling and election sure...
 1:20-21 Inspiration of Scripture; the Spirit of God
 2:1 There will be false teachers among you ... who secretly introduce destructive heresies...denying the Master
 3:3-7 Scoffers who question. "Where is God's judgment?"
 3:10 The Lord will come like a thief...fire...everything laid bare

Structure of the 2 Peter

- I. The Prologue (1:1-4)
 - A. The Salutation (1:1-2)
 - B. Peter's Affirmation of God's Gift to the Believer of Everything Pertaining to Life and Godliness (1:3-4)
- II. The Body: Peter's Exhortation to Christian Growth and Warning about False Teachers (1:5-3:18a)
 - A. Peter's Exhortation to Growth in the Christian Life (1:5-21)
 1. The Process of Growth (1:5-7)
 2. The Necessity of Growth (1:8-11)
 3. The Means of Growth (1:12-21)
 - a. The Revelation from Jesus Christ (1:12-18)
 - b. The Prophecy from the Old Testament (1:19-22)
 - B. Peter's Warning about False Teachers (2:1-22)
 1. The Danger of False Teachers (2:1-3)
 2. The Doom of False Teachers (2:4-10a)
 3. The Description of False Teachers (2:10b-22)
 - C. Peter's Warning about Scoffers (3:1-18a)
 1. The Mockery of the Last Days (3:1-7)*
 2. The Explanation of the Lord's Delay (3:8-10)**
 3. The Exhortations in View of the Lord's Coming (3:11-18a)
 - a. The Exhortation to Holiness and Godliness (3:11-13)
 - b. The Exhortation to Peace (3:14-16)
 - c. The Exhortation to Steadfastness and Growth (3:17-18a)
- III. The Epilogue (3:18b)

Other Notes:

Purpose of 2 Peter

Christian believers were exhorted to grow in Christ in the face of false teachers/teaching.

Introduction to 2 Peter

Title: Simon Peter servant and apostle of Jesus Christ (2 Peter)

Author: Peter

Recipients: Christians (the elect) scattered in Northern Asia Minor destined to encounter false teachers

Date: 68-70 AD

The priority of knowledge of the Lordship of Christ:

Major Themes in 2 Peter

1. False Teaching (2:1-22; 3:3-7)
2. Knowledge [16x] (1:2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20; 2:20, 21; 3:3, 17)
3. Christian Growth (1:2-11; 3:11-18)
4. Remembering [5x] (1:12, 13, 15; 3:1, 2)

Four Things that Peter Calls Christians to Be Certain Of : primarily from Mark Dever, *The Message of the New Testament*

1. Be Certain of Your Call (1:1-11)

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble . . . (2 Peter 1:10)

- It is God who calls us. It's not self-generated or self sustained (1:3). Even our faith is something we received (1:1-2) and it has been won through Christ's sinless holiness, not ours.
- What we "do" is make our calling and election sure . . .

2. Be Certain of the Truth (1:12-21)

- Peter's testimony is factual
- Peter's testimony is from God

3. Be Certain that false teachers will give assurance. (chapter 2)

- God will judge false teachers, count on that!

4. Be certain that God will judge the world. (chapter 3)