

# Home Group Helps

## 2 Peter 3:14-18

### *Waiting Well*

**I. Diligence in Holiness (v.14)** – <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**II. Consideration of the Lord's Patience (v.15a)** – <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation

**III. Watchfulness for Error (v.15b-17)** – just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, <sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

**IV. Growth in Grace (v.18)** – <sup>18</sup> 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. Amen.

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#### 1. Launching Question(s):

- Typically, the end of a good letter or speech briefly reviews all the topics already covered. How does Peter accomplish this in the close of this book?

#### 2. Observation Question(s):

- Read all of 2 Peter chapter 3.
- What has been taught in 2 Peter up to this point? What questions/situations has he been addressing?

#### 3. Interpretation Question(s):

- What does it mean for a believer to be found “without spot or blemish” by Christ?
- How is God’s patience “salvation” for Christians? How else do we, and the world, often “count” His patience as something other than salvation?
- What do we learn from verses 15b-17 about Peter’s relationship with Paul? How does Peter view Paul’s writings? What does this teach us about the nature of Scripture?
- What does it mean to “grow in grace”?

#### 4. Reflection Question(s):

- During these two years of going slowly through 2 Peter, what has been one truth taught in this book that has made a lasting impression on your mind?
- Knowing the emphasis Peter puts on false teaching, how should you be watchful about what you let enter your mind and heart?

#### 5. Application Question(s):

- As with the rest of this chapter, all of these commands here are plural, not singular. What does it look like for our church to wait well for Christ corporately?