# *Third Street Church*

# *Conference Call-Midweek Prayer and Bible Study*

# *Wednesday, October 14, 2020 - 6pm*

**Introductions/ Welcome - Pastor Reid**

**Opening Prayer: Deacon Arelene June**

**Opening Song: Elder Lowery Music Ministry**

**The Word: 2 Peter 1-18 English Standard Version**

### The Day of the Lord Will Come

**3 1**This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, **2**that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, **3**knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. **4**They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” **5**For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, **6**and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. **7**But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

**8**But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9**The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. **10**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies[[b](about:blank#fen-ESV-30516b)] will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.[c]

**11**Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, **12**waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! **13**But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

### Final Words

**14**Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. **15**And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, **16**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. **17**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. **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. Amen.

***Reflection:***

Peter has a call for all of us.We are to wait, but we are not to be idle while we wait. We are to be involved and make every effort to know Jesus and make Jesus known. We are to remain firm in our faith regardless of when Christ comes back. We do this actively with the contribution of our trust and assurance in Christ, making the most of what God has given us in our call as Christians. This means being pure and blameless in our obedience to Christ. We must trust and being humble. As Christians we should be the opposite of the character of false teachers.

Peter is communicating to us that God is involved, that God does care, and that God is concerned. We are reminded that God will come in to our situations and we must trust God in all our circumstances. Must is happening around us, job cuts, crime, poverty, disbelief, frustration and uncertainty of what is true and untrue. God has intervened throughout biblical history, we can trust in God. If people come against your belief in Christ and good character, take comfort. No matter what others say or do, God will intervene in time, and make them fools. Peter continues to tell us to beware of scoffers who deny Christ's return! We often need to be reminded that in times like these, many will come up against the teachings of Christ. We as Christians are to know the scriptures and be disciplined in the faith because this is what keeps our minds on Jesus!

In the ending verse of 2Peter 3 Peter calls us to be on our guard by holding up our relationship with Christ. We must cling to the teachings of Christ and become stronger so no disapproval or rebuke can come against the body of Christ! Stay firm on the Solid Rock in these rocky times!!

***Guiding Questions for Bible Study Discussion***

Please feel free to join in during the study we all learn and are studying God’s Word together. This conference call study is not to judge but to support and fellowship as people of faith.

1. What is a focus verse from these passage that speaks to you today? Why ?
2. Why did Peter say he wrote both of his letters? What did he want Christian believers the readers to remember?
3. Verse 3:4 mentions “scoffers” what does this word mean? What was the argument against the second return of Christ that the scoffers were using? Why should we avoid this type behavior?
4. In 3:5-7 Peter tell us that people forgot something? What was it? How will the world be destroyed in the future?
5. We read many places in the Bible about the Lord’s patience. In this particular instance, why does Peter say he is patient? ( see 3:9)
6. “The Day of the Lord” will be a huge event! What does the Bible say about it? Look at these scripture, share in bible study (Joel 1:15, Malachi 4:1, Hebrews 4:13)
7. Why did Peter instruct his readers to be on guard? What were his final instructions?

**Apply God’s Word to your Life:**

*2 Peter 3:18: 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. Amen.*

*This week think about:*

How are you growing in the “grace and knowledge of Christ?” write down ways you are growing in Christ. in your prayer journal. Pray for this growth and knowledge each day.

* Other Scripture that speak of “*The Day of the Lord”:* Joel 2:10-11, 2:30-31, Amos 5:18-20 and Isaiah 2:11

**What Inspires you these days?**

It may seem like there is little today to inspire us. Hold on to inspiration find it in the midst of troubling times. Where do you find inspiration and hope these days? Is it a song, hymn, scripture or special reading? How has it helped inspire you? If you feel led, please share with the group.

﻿**Faith in Action:**. The physical church doors are closed but we are the distance church wherever we are. Give, share, pray, reach out ***We are the Church.*** Reaching out , text, call, email, US mail or virtual, that is our mission as the Body of Christ.

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**Evening Prayer- Pastor Reid**

**Let us lift up people/situations in God’s world for prayer . Write prayer requests and praise reports in your prayer journal each week. We can keep our brothers and sister lifted up in our daily prayer time**

*In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

**Closing Song: Elder Lowery Music Ministry**

**Words of Sending:**

L: My brothers and Sisters the world will be different tomorrow but we know Christ’s love and protection abides with each of us! In Christ go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**ALL: in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

Thank you for joining our Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer this week! We will meet Wednesday Oct. 21 at 6pm.

With the Love of Christ,

Pastor Reid