

Lesson 7
2 Peter 3:14-18

1. Beloved, what are “these”, (3:14), that they, we, are waiting for?
Look back at verses 12 & 13.

2. Look up “diligent”, (4704), in a Bible dictionary, write what you find.

What are the antonyms that you see listed for diligent?

So how are we to wait?

3. Look up the following also, found in 3:14, (make sure you’re finding the specific usage for the verse):

without spot (784)

without blemish (298)

peace (1515)

And from 1Peter 1:19, Jesus was :
without spot (784)

without blemish (299)

Now look up and contrast the above with what we see in 2Peter 2:13,
concerning the unrighteous:
spots/blots (4695)

blemishes (3470)

Remember what is going to happen to “these” unrighteous ones.
How are we to be found in Him when He comes?
How is this possible? See Rom 5:1; 1 Pe.2:24;3:18

The best you can, relate this to what we learned in Lesson 6, Qu2, when you looked up “sincere“ mind , in 3:1. How does it tie together?

4. Write out what you learn from the following passages, keeping in mind that the Lord's patience means salvation;
Mark 13:5-10

Matt. 24:14

5. Peter says that some of Paul's writings are difficult, (as are some of Peter's), what else does Peter say concerning Paul? Verses 15,16

6. What do ignorant, unstable persons do with things that are too hard for them to understand?

7. Following a person who twists and distorts the Word of God, what could happen to this follower? Verse 17

8. How is this a good warning to all of us ?

9. What does Peter not want happening to any of his beloved recipients?

Remember again Lesson 2, Qu 6, about Peter, he knows what it is to fall, lose stability. Jesus had fore-warned His disciples and Peter, and remember how the disciples had slept while Jesus prayed... and Peter did fall. Read Matt. 26: 30-75

What 2 things did Jesus pray for Peter ? see Luke 22:31-34

Peter knows his time is short, these may be his last words to these precious, beloved ones, (us too), to whom God has asked him to strengthen ...

10. In order that they not fall, not get carried away with the error of lawless men, what does Peter give as the best antidote? Verse 17,18

We are “carried” to one path or another. Go back to Lesson 4, Qu 3, to refresh your memory... The narrow path leads to life!

11. In whom are we enabled to remain stable, strengthened, established in our faith?

When you want to know someone better, what do you do to “grow” in that relationship?

See Luke 10: 38-42

How do you stay in intimate relationship with the Lord?

Through our Knowledge of Him, is all we need for life and godliness, 1:3,
How will you build your faith?

Knowing Jesus intimately, diligently growing continually in Him, in His Word, in His truth, in time spent at His feet, will keep us from being carried away by the error of lawless men,
as we await the joyous entrance into His eternal kingdom!

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 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! (2Pe. 1:10; 3:18)

“The width of our knowledge about Him,
is no gauge of the depth
of our knowledge of Him.”

J.I. Packer