

I. The Purpose of the Letter (vv.1-7)

- A. This Second Epistle was to "stir up your pure minds".
- B. To stir up our minds because of the last days. (vv.3-4)

- 1. The ignorance of God's teaching throughout the Scripture.
- 2. Their unbelief saying. (v.4)
- 3. They willingly forget.
- 4. "They deliberately ignore this fact" (RSV)
- 5. "The heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men." (v.7)

II. Don't Forget - THE DAY OF THE LORD (vv.8-13)

- A. With the Lord one day is as a thousand years. (v.8)
- B. God is not slack concerning His promise. (v.9)
- C. He is coming back and He will bring judgment (v.10)
 - He comes as a thief in the night;
 - It will be with great noise, fervent heat and all the works of man will be burned up.
- D. What manner of persons ought you to be...? (vv.11-13) Looking for... the day of God.

III. Therefore: Be Diligent ... (vv.14-18)

A. The Purpose of the Lord's tarrying.

- Salvation to the lost Not willing any perish...
- A time for spiritual growth & development for us **But grow**.
- Warning of falling being led away with the error of the wicked.
- B. The Alternative is growth in the knowledge of Christ.
 - Spiritual growth comes through the knowledge of Christ through the teaching of the Scripture.
 - stir up your pure minds by way of reminder (v.1)

- #1 To "stir up your pure minds".
- #2 To remind you of the Lord's soon return.
- #3 To encourage you to be diligent to witness, pray, be on guard and ready by growing in the knowledge of Christ.
- #4 To Love and Live the Bible!

2 Peter 3:18

Grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.