



2 Peter 3:1-18 (1:3-10)

“Same Old, Same Old’ Can Be a Good Thing”

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Consult the Scriptures:

2 Peter 3:1-18, 1:3-10

(Other Scripture Referenced: Rom. 1:18-32, Acts 1:6-11, Lk. 24:21, Php. 3:1, 1 Cor. 2:1-5, Lk. 17:22-27, 2 Pet. 2:4-10)

Consult the Scholars:

Kevin Perrotta—

“In our day it cannot be said that Christians in the West are following the teaching of Christ in a way that makes them particularly distinct. At a time when Western societies are swinging away from Christian values, Christians’ lives are generally failing to become more clearly distinguishable. Rather, as society becomes less Christian, so do Christians’ own pattern of life... American Christians have been captivated by secular opportunities and possessions.” (Kevin Perrotta, *Leading Christians to Maturity* [Ann Harbor: Faith and Renewal, 1987], p. 92 [Essentials READER B])

Discuss:

1. How was your “post-Easter” week? (Talk about your week)

2. Discuss what it must have been like for the first disciples following the resurrection and ascension of Christ. Can you relate to the emotional ups and downs related to our various expectations of what we imagine following Jesus *should* be like?
3. Read 2 Peter 3:1-18 and discuss. What does the word “reminder” assume about Peter’s first audience? What encouragement does Peter have for his readers?
4. How does the story of Noah and the flood relate to Peter’s argument in the text? What does this mean for us today?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:11-13. What two things does Peter identify asking the question, “What sort of people ought [we] to be” (vs. 11)?
6. Read the above quote and discuss. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? Can you relate personally? (See 2 Pet. 1:3-10)
7. What does it mean to both “wait for and hasten” (vs. 12)?
8. What challenged you with this week’s sermon? What questions do you still have? What’s your next move?
9. Spend some time in prayer for our network, *The Acts 29 Church Planting Network*, and our efforts in church planting around the world. Also, pray for the Sheahan family and *Christ Church* in La Grande, OR.