

2 Peter 3:1-9 (ESV) - “Three Rs of Christ’s Coming”

2 Peter 3 ¹This 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, ²that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

³knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴They 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.”

⁵For 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, ⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷But 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.

⁸But 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. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

1. R_____ the TRUTH (vv.1-2)

O.T. _____ Predictions (Dn. 7; Is. 66; Mal.4)

N.T. _____ Promises (Jn.14; Mt.24; Rv.22)

“Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is Coming, and He will Judge the Living and the Dead.”

- *Apostle’s Creed*

2. R_____ what is FALSE (vv.3-4)

Scoffers will Scoff at the _____

“Where is the promise of his coming?”

- *2 Peter 3:4*

3. R_____ what is FALSE with FACTS (vv.5-9)

God’s Powerful Deeds of the Past

Point to His Future Judgment

- God Spoke the World into

Existence and Formed it

- God once Flooded the World
and _____ it

- God Will one day Destroy the
World with Fire and _____ it!

God’s Timing is Not Our Timing,

and His Character is Unchanging

- He is Not _____ to Fulfill nor

_____ in His Judgment!

“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty...”

- *Exodus 34:6-7*

“As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live...”

- *Ezekiel 33:11*



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude/Welcome

"Even So Come"

"Promises"

Pastoral Prayer

"Before the Throne"

"Living Hope"

Bless and Send the Children

Sermon – 2 Peter 3:1-9

"Same God"

"This is Amazing Grace"

WELCOME BOXES FOR OUR GUESTS - If you're a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here! **Please be sure to pick up a Welcome Box at our welcome desk before you leave today!**

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR INSIGHT PREGNANCY SERVICES – If you have not yet returned your filled Baby Bottle, please do so ASAP so that we can get your financial support to Insight soon, Thank You!

LENT and HOLY WEEK @ NWG CAMPUS and in the COMMUNITY– The season of Lent has begun, and with it, we invite you to "Soups On! - Lenten Lunches" at 12pm every Wednesday, leading up to Holy Week. Join us for a simple lunch of soup and bread, followed by a short Lenten Devotional. The Schedule is as follows: March 1 – St. Bart's, March 8 – Family of God, March 15 – Grace Bible Church, March 22 – St. Bart's, March 29 – Trinity | NWG.

During Holy Week, we invite everyone to join us for a Family Passover Seder and Potluck on Maundy Thursday, April 6, at NWG Campus. We then also invite everyone to join us for a Community Good Friday service on April 7 at Bailey Christian Church, as we together remember the seven last words of Christ on the Cross.

ISRAEL STUDY TOUR BLOG – Did you know that the Trinity Israel Study Tour is leaving next week, March 6, and will return on March 17? Did you know that you can follow along with the team from a distance by subscribing to the trip blog? You can read about the experiences and see pictures of the team at the various sites at the end of each day, and it's a great reminder to pray! To subscribe and receive email notifications of when each blog entry is posted, simply go to the following website to sign up: <https://gtitours.org/tour-journal/tfc23>

UNSHAKABLE FOUNDATIONS CONFERENCE (April 15, 9am-3pm @ BR Campus) – Guest speaker Elizabeth Urbanowicz of Foundation Worldview will lead us through 5 Key Sessions on how to teach our children to engage culture from a biblical worldview. To register or find out more information, go to www.tfefc.org/ufc23

SCREENING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Paul Cole** (BR Campus) has met with the Screening Committee and is seeking input on whether he should seek affirmation as an elder at Trinity Fellowship. Please review the biblical qualifications from I Tim. 3, Titus 1 and I Pt. 5 with Paul in mind (Half sheet listing these in detail is available upon request). Paul invites your comments and/or concerns as this is an important part of the screening process. You can give him your feedback personally or via email (paul.cole@beverlinmfg.com) or call or text him at 616-295-4047. He will meet again with the Screening Committee on March 12.

The Screening Committee has met with **Dillon Gatehouse** (BR Campus) and is presenting him to the congregation for your consideration and affirmation as director of Student Ministries. The Screening Committee asks the congregation to review the Biblical qualifications (I Tim. 3 and Acts 6:1-6) for deacon with Dillon in mind and to discuss your affirmations, questions, or concerns with Dillon personally. (Half sheet listing Biblical qualifications is available upon request). Dillon welcomes your feedback. He will meet with the committee a second time, on March 12, to prayerfully decide how to proceed. If approved, Dillon will be affirmed by the Oversight Elders.