

Feeding Your Soul

P a r a g r a p h S t u d y

2 Peter
3:14-18
GQ

Observation What Do I See?

1 Mark up the paragraph below with colors and symbols about what you notice.

14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do

also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 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.

Ideas for mark-up

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Repeated Words/
Ideas/Subjects
- Commands
(e.g., put aside, pray
without ceasing, etc.)
- Lists
(e.g., characteristics,
sins, promises, etc.)
- Connecting words
(e.g., for, yet, therefore,
nor/or, but, so, and)
- Actions/Verbs
- Comparisons
(e.g., like or as)
- Contrasts
(e.g., light or dark)
- Warnings or Promises

2 Write what you learned about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit.

3 What did you learn about what you marked up? Write any questions you have about this text.

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4 Compare translations highlighting any major differences in word choices.

NASB	ESV	NIV
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8. Since the beloved flock are to look forward to the coming of the Day of the Lord when Christ will be revealed as King over all the earth, what does Peter urge them to do in verses 14-15?

9. Explain what Peter means when he says that they are to regard the patience of the Lord to be salvation in verse 15.

10. Peter supports what he has been saying about the Day of the Lord by referring to Paul who would have already been martyred by this time, but whose letters would have been circulated among the churches. How does Peter regard Paul (verse 15)? What do you learn about Paul's letters from verses 15-16?

11. Define untaught (ESV, NIV ignorant [Strong's #261]), unstable [Strong's #793], and distort (ESV, NKJV twist [Strong's #4761]) from verse 16.

12. How can you protect yourself from false teaching according to verses 17-18?

13. What will happen to you if you are carried away by false teaching? See verse 17; Eph. 4:14; 1Tim. 1:19; 2Tim. 2:14-18; 2 Pet. 2:18-20.

14. What does it mean to grow in the grace and the knowledge of Christ? See 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 1:17; Phil. 3:8-11; Col. 1:10; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 1:2-3.

15. After studying this book, do you think that Peter thought the Day of the Lord was close at hand? Why or why not?

Application What Does It Mean for Me?

12 Based on the principles you discovered in this passage, in what ways can you express love to God and to your neighbor? What truths must you personalize?

E x a m p l e s Are there any positive examples to follow or negative ones to avoid?

P r o m i s e s Are there any promises on which to meditate?

I d e n t i t y Are there any verses that remind me of who I am in Christ?

C o m m a n d s Are there any commands to follow?

S i n s t o A v o i d Are there any sins to avoid?

<i>Examples</i>	
<i>Promises</i>	
<i>Identity</i>	
<i>Commands</i>	
<i>Sins to Avoid</i>	

Implementation

What Steps Do I
Need to Take?

- 13 Write at least one step you will take in order to apply what you have learned.

Consultation

What Truths Did Others Find in
This Passage?

- 14 Write down anything you learned from a commentary you read or sermon you enjoyed.