

The Book of 2nd Peter

INTRODUCTION:

THEME: *Christian Diligence* – 1:5, 10, 15... 3:14

OUTLINE:

Chapter 1 – Exhortation to Christian Faith and Character

1:1-2 ... Precious Faith

1:3-4 ... Promise of Faith

1:5-11 ... Progress of Faith

1:12-21 ... Reminders of Faith

Chapter 2 – Punishment of False Teachers

2:1-3 ... Conduct

2:4-9 ... Condemnation

2:10-22 ... Character

Chapter 3 – Promise of Christ's Coming

3:1-2 ... Reminders

3:3-7 ... Ridiculers

3:8-13 ... Revelation

3:14-18 ... Response

★ **LESSONS...**

#1 – THE LESSON OF DILIGENCE – 1:5,10... 3:14... Proverbs 13:4

John Newton, *Spiritual diligence* is “An active, improving, industrious habit (that) is peculiar to a heart impressed with some real, abiding sense of the love of God, the worth of souls, the shortness of time, and the importance of eternity.” – *Works, Vol.1, p.141*

#2 – THE LESSON OF OUR NEED TO BE REMINDED – 1:12-15 – three natural tendencies...

(1st) Forgetfulness – Mark 4:18-19... Psalm 103:2... Proverbs 4:5

(2nd) Neglectfulness

(3rd) Weariness – Ecclesiastes 1:8-9

#3 – THE LESSON OF APOSTACY – 1 John 2:19

(1st) Religious Apostates – 2:1-3, 12-19

(2nd) Worldly Apostates – 2:20-22

What can we do? – 3:1-18

#4 – THE LESSON OF THE LAST DAYS – 2 Peter 3:3-18

(1st) Skeptics and Scoffers – 3:3-4

(2nd) The Day of the Lord – 3:5-10

(3rd) What should our response be? – 3:10-18