

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DIASPORA OR DISPERSION THROUGHOUT
THE FIRST CENTURY ROMAN WORLD

2-PETER CHAPTER 2:4-9

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“What You Really Need To Know” – Part 4

The Priority and Ministry of The Word of God to All Those Engaged in an Active and Militant Faith

2 Peter 2:4-9

:4 For if (since) God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into (held by imprisonment) chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; :5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; :6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly (like they did); :7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked :8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) - :9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

Previously in our study: what it means to possess
the “Combat Faith” that will be needed this year and for each day
leading up to the end...

What You Really Need To Know

1.) Is that our enemy is not human	vs. 4
1a.) They are spirit beings	vs. 4a
1b.) They are from the other realm	vs. 4b
1c.) They are being held in contempt	vs. 4c

What You Really Need To Know

2.) Is that our mission is urgent	vs. 5
2a.) The mission pronounces judgement	vs. 5a
2b.) The mission extends mercy	vs. 5b
2c.) The mission ends complete	vs. 5c

Take Note Here.

This is not the recounting of some ancient catastrophe that God unleashed upon the earth in our distant past and now that it's over all is well. – This is a warning and a challenge that all men and women must sit up and take notice: that what God did locally in Sodom and Gomorrah he will do it again on a massive and global scale.

Isaiah 66:15-16

For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

What You Really Need To Know

3.) Is that our identity is no longer us

vs. 6-8

2 Peter 2:6-8

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Acts 17:30b-31

But now commands all men everywhere to repent, **31** because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Our Identity Is No Longer Us

What You Really Need To Know

3a.) This world is no longer us

vs. 6

The Holy Spirit Immediately Draws a Contrast Here,

A contrast between the **us** and **thems** – and without apology.

2 Peter 2:6

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Keep before this “Us and Them” reality.

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord. Walk as children of light

John 15:18-20

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.

Genesis 19 is the Account; it begins in Genesis 6

Genesis 6:5-7

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth,

...and so The Global Flood came upon the earth

Sodom grk: Sodom, an unidentified city in the Jordan Valley.

Gomorrah grk: Gomorrah, one of the cities near the Dead Sea.

<https://www.neverthirsty.org/bible-qa/qa-archives/question/in-what-years-were-sodom-and-gomorrah-destroyed/>

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/sin/why-did-god-destroy-sodom-and-gomorrah-story-of-sin-in-the-bible.html>

Ashes grk: te'phro'o; to incinerate until it is ashes. The reducing to ashes, the cremation of the surface. Intention is to autoclave.

John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Romans 6:11

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is a Beautiful Doctrinal Truth Found Here

Colossians 1:2

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colossae:

1 Peter 5:14

Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all
who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Colossians 1:28

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom,
that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

These are Grave Warnings and Dire Predictions in The Bible.

Verse 6b

Condemned them to destruction,
making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly:

By Their Actions They **Qualified Themselves** for God's Wrath.

According to the Bible, God Condemned Sodom and Gomorrah

Because of the sin that was practiced within those cities. The people were approving of
and in support of aberrant sexuality including, but not limited to, sodomy.

(what if I were to tell you that if you decide to practice aberrant sexual activity
the result of this unusual and unnatural sex will scientifically result in a direct attack
against your immune system. You can expect to become sick with an increase in
debilitating illnesses resulting in premature death)

Condemned grk: kata'krino; to order or to issue or to give a ruling against. To
pronounce a judgment against you. To sentence you to
condemnation.

Destruction grk: kata'strophe; the total and absolute overthrowing (context implies
of an enemy)

There is not a more descriptive commentary for the days of our lives
and with it comes a huge a warning to us – especially to our nation's young people.

Think About This Level of Hypocrisy for a Moment?

*“People want a god to exist for all the ‘nice reasons.’
People seek to redefine god or reject god for all of his ‘cruel reasons.’”*

Verse 6b

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afterward would live ungodly:

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2019/fall/polyamory-next-sexual-frontier.html>

A Professional Christian Counselor told them;
*“It’s only adultery or cheating if someone is kept in the dark.
If you are open and honest, this can be a God-honoring relationship.”*

Our Identity Is No Longer Us What You Really Need To Know

3b.) This culture is no longer us

vs. 7

Verse 7

7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed
by the filthy conduct of the wicked

delivered

grk: rhuomai; to pull away or to drag off. To draw to oneself, to rescue away from, to remove from (the issue or dynamic)

oppressed

grk: kata'poneo; to both wear down systematically and by waves. to be in a constant state of wearing down (ie.) like the waves of the sea in a storm that causes dramatic erosion or at times the persistent dripping of water against a stone.

*The hinting, suggesting, alluring, flirting with, playing with,
toying with another human being*

Filthy

grk: **aselgeia**; Licentiousness (latin – salak) where we get the word salacious.) meaning to wonder, fantasize, to ponder, to think and to speak in sensual innuendo. Sensuality. To be obsessed with sexual activity or indulgences. By the filthy conduct of the wicked

Sex is the universal religion of the world today.

Conduct grk: ana'strophe; the personal, familial and environmental behavior or a culture. The observable conduct of a culture or group. Behavior, lifestyle, manner of life or way of life.

Noah Webster 1828

Defines **Culture**

1a: the customary beliefs, social norms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group: the characteristic features of everyday life (existence) shared by people in a particular place or time. The views embraced which become what make up a society or a community. What a people or people group decide to live by or allow to be.

I am not aware of nor would I take the time to address all the “counter-culture” displays that are on display in this world today...

Today - Just The Commercials Alone are Offensive.

Isaiah 5:20-21

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! **21** Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,

Like Mr. Lot, The Christian Heart and Soul is Afflicted
by The Sin and Wickedness of this Age Every day. – **Is there Injustice with God?**

Matthew 24:12-13

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.
13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Psalms 73:2-3

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
My steps had nearly slipped. **3** For I was envious of the boastful,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Our Identity Is No Longer Us

What You Really Need To Know

3c.) This life is no longer us

vs. 8

Verse 8

:8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds

2 Timothy 3:1

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
2 For (because) men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...

Perilous **grk: chal'epos**; hardened, calloused, difficult, violent, relentless in the doing of evil, especially violence.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

1 Corinthians 6:9

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

End of Study

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