

CREATION TESTIFIES

2 Peter 3.1-7, 11-13 // March 20, 2022

FUNDAMENTALS

Peter again reminds them that his primary job is to remind them! To be constantly pointed back to the “fundamentals” is something that every believer needs. It is easy for us to “move on” from the fundamentals when we feel as though we are doing just fine.

Galatians 5.22, 23

The fundamentals help us to stay strong, consistent, and working from “muscle memory” as we come under attack from outside such as scoffers and those who mock our faith, but also from within, when we deal with our own flesh who wants to lure us away from Christ and the godly traits and fruit of the Spirit that we are called to.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

In a criminal investigation, much “circumstantial” evidence can be very impressive and convincing, but prosecutors know not to hedge their bets on that kind of evidence alone. Physical evidence is of much greater value.

Romans 1.18-32

People tend to have selective memories. They remember what they want but forget what they want to forget. It is not simply the words of the prophets and Apostles that the scoffers forget, but the power of God over creation.

-R.C. Sproul

THEREFORE, CHRISTIANS...

Because we know that God created the universe, and we also know that His wrath will not remain stored away forever, we then press into Christ and our sanctification so we can grow in holiness and godliness, knowing that our future in the new heavens and earth is coming.

As believers, we have been called to a life of freedom, but we are not free to act like the non-believing world.

It is an impossible task to grow in all these traits that Peter and Paul remind us of, and to fully put to death the traits they warn us of, but as we press into the power of the Gospel, and in childlike dependence ask the Lord for the help of the Spirit, we can look with hope to God’s transforming power in our lives as He helps us become salt and light for this world with all of its scoffers and darkness.



NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

2 Thessalonians 3:13

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **2 Peter 3.1-7, 11-13**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

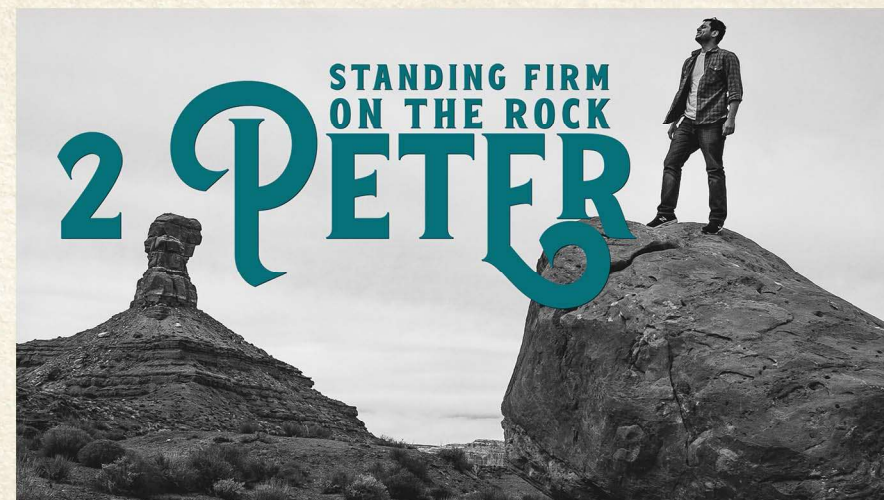
Knowing that our future is in the New Heavens and Earth, where righteousness dwells, how does this Gospel truth help you to “put off” the works of the flesh and “put on” the works of righteousness?

Your Life Mission

There are so many scoffers today, but with knowledge, self-control, and steadfastness, we can be used by God to reach even those who scoff. What relationships in your life, even those who scoff, would you like prayer for, and what Gospel truths (such as creation as evidence) could you equip yourself with as you pursue those relationships concerning the waterless springs they may be chasing after?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God’s goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week’s text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don’t need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God’s desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God’s love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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