

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Monongahela, Pa.
Adult Bible Study
The Apostles' Teaching – The Epistles of St. Peter
Session 7

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship
to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)*

I. 2 PETER CHAPTER 2

- A. As St. Peter is nearing the end of his life (see 1:14) what is his main concern in writing this second letter?
- B. If it is so clear that judgment awaits these false teachers, why do people follow them?
(v. 2-3; 14; 18-19)
- C. Are there such false prophets today? How can we spot a false prophet?
- D. Why does God allow them to speak and teach in His Church?
- E. What examples of God's judgment does St. Peter remind his readers of?
- F. Which is worse, according to St. Peter: never knowing the way of Jesus Christ or knowing it and walking away from it?

II. 2 PETER CHAPTER 3

- A. What is St. Peter trying to do by writing this second letter? (v. 1-2)
- B. What kind of people will arise in these last days?

What will they be led by?

What will these people say?

C. How does God's view of time differ from ours?

How might this relate to the story of Creation in the book of Genesis?

D. What will happen when the Lord decides it is time for judgment? (v. 10)

E. Because of this kind of judgment, how then shall we live?

F. According to St. Peter, why doesn't the Lord just return now and end all the evil in the world?

G. Describe what we are to be looking for? (v. 13)

It was revealed to the Apostle John what that day would be like. Read **Revelation 21:1-8** (p. 1744)

H. In football strategy, *the best defense is a good offense*; meaning if the other team never gets the ball, they can't score. How is St. Peter's strategy like that in his defense against those who would lead us away from the truth?

I. What is his final antidote to the false teachers who will come? (v. 17-18)

J. How can I follow St. Peter's closing instruction?

K. Write down a favorite or meaningful verse from this 2nd Epistle of St. Peter.

