(2 Pet 3:1-9 NIV) Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. (2) I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. (3) First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.
They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." (5) But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.
(6) By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. (7) By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (8) But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. (9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
• The Purpose Of Peter’s Letters: (1) as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.

• WHOLESOME THINKING = HEALTHY In Our Thinking
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- HEALTHY IN THINKING = Not Lacking In Thinking
- HEALTHY IN THINKING = Pure & Uncorrupted Thinking
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• HEALTHY THINKING = Can Be Held Up To The Light Of Jesus Christ

• HEALTHY IN THINKING = Unmixed With Anything That Would Pollute, Corrupt, Or Devalue
THE FOUNDATION OF HEALTHY THINKING IS: THE WORD

(2 Tim 3:16-17 NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, (17) so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
The Greatest Enemy Of Healthy Thinking Is: **The Scoffer**

- Watch Out For Scoffers
A SCOFFER =

- Takes Lightly That Which Ought To Be Taken Seriously
- Mocks God
- Mocks God’s Goodness
• SCOFFERS:
  • Scoff At God
  • Scoff At The Things Of God
  • Scoff At Truth
  • Scoff At Healing
  • Scoff At Morality
  • Scoff At Justice And Judgment
  • Scoff At Righteousness
  • Scoff At The 2nd Coming
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- Choices People Make When Their Lifestyles Contradict The Word Of God:
  1. Change Their Lifestyles To Conform To God’s Word (True Believers)
  2. Change God’s Word To Conform To Their Lifestyle (The Scoffers)
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• SCOFFERS =
  • Don’t Believe What God Says
  • Follow Their Own Evil Desires
  • Pleasure Is Their Only Law
  • Live Free From Any Reverence For God
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- SCOFFERS = *Divide The Church Instead Of Building It Up*

- (Jude 1:18 NIV) "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." (19) These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.
• SCOFFERS =
  • Set Up Divisions
  • Tear Down Instead Of Building Up
  • Their Real Problem Is Spiritual
  • They Don’t Have The Spirit
Scoffing: A Sign Of The Last Days

(Jude 1:18 NIV) "In the last times there will be scoffers"

(1 TIM 4:1 NIV) The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (2) Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.
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- The "Last Days" = Time Between Christ's First And Second Comings
- We Are Living In The Last Days
- We Have To Hold On To Healthy Thinking Until Jesus Returns
• **SCOFFERS** Question Christ’s Return

• "Where is the promise of his return?"

• In The Last Days The Second Coming Of Christ Will Be:
  • Questioned
  • Denied
  • Scoffed At
Scoffers appear to take the “Scientific Approach” yet they willfully ignore a good deal of evidence.

There is abundant evidence:
- of a world wide flood
- of a great cataclysm
- that all things have not continued as they were from the beginning of the creation
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- There Is Truth That Can Be Clearly Seen And Studied
- Scoffers = Deliberately Forget About The Creation Of The World
Scoffers Adopt The False Assumption That

- (1) Nothing has changed
- (2) Nothing does change
- (3) Nothing will change.

THE FACT IS: At One Point In The Past Things Did Drastically Change: The Flood Of Noah’s Day!
• There Is Going To Come A Time Where Things Are Going To Change Drastically Again:

• (2 Pet 3:7 NIV) By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
• The Present Heavens And Earth Are Reserved For Judgment And Destruction

• THE JUDGMENT OF FIRE
(Rev 19:20 NIV) But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.
(Rev 20:10 NIV) And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Rev 20:11 NIV) Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. (Rev 20:12 NIV) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.
(Rev 20:13 NIV) The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. (14) Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. (15) If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
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• God’s Word Is True
• It Will Come To Pass
• You Can Base Your Life On It
• Base Your Life On God’s Truth
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The Church Is Not Dead
Let’s Believe God For:

- Revival In The Church
- Outpouring Of God’s Spirit
- Renewal Of Righteousness
- Heeding Of The Word Of God