

# Whyte Ridge Baptist Church – March 16, 2025

Series: **2 Peter: Confidence in the Chaos** (WK#5)



## “Day of the Lord”

**2 Peter 3:1-13**

*“Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness.” (2 Peter 3:11)*

### Old Testament Context

- ◆ Divine judgment, "a day of darkness" (Joel 2:2, Amos 5:18)
- ◆ Also a time of hope and restoration (Isaiah 2:4, 11:6; Zephaniah 3:9)

### New Testament Focus

- ◆ Second coming of Jesus, His final judgment, establishment of His eternal kingdom.
  - ◇ Matthew 24
  - ◇ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

### Reminder:

- ◆ Predictions of the holy prophets (as they relate to the Day of the Lord)
- ◆ Commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles
  - ◇ Supremacy of LOVE (Matt 22:37-40; John 13:34, 15:12)
  - ◇ Final command: Go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)

### Warning:

- ◆ Scoffers will come (false teachers)
- ◆ In the last days (between Jesus' ascension and second coming)
- ◆ God's intervention in human history:
  - ◇ Through water (Creation, Great Flood)
  - ◇ By fire (Sodom & Gomorrah)
- ◆ Future intervention:
  - ◇ Final judgment by fire (2 Peter 3:7, 10, 12)
  - ◇ New heavens, new earth (2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21)
  - ◇ Like a thief in the night (2 Peter 3:10, Matthew 24:43, 1 Thessalonians 5:2)

### Result:

- ◆ What sort of people ought you to be? This is the KEY POINT
- ◆ Lives of holiness and godliness
- ◆ Seven attributes to supplement our faith (2 Peter 1:5-7)
- ◆ Journeying towards Christlikeness: Committed, Connected, Contributing, Commissioned

### Discussion Questions:

1. When have you been confronted by scoffers who deny the truth of God's word? How did you respond?
2. How have you experienced God's patience in your life?
3. What are you doing to ensure you are the sort of person you ought to be?
4. What could you do to move more intentionally towards Christlikeness?
5. How should our understanding of the Day of the Lord motivate us in our relationships with others?