



THE 'DEI' (Necessities) FOR
THE GRACE BELIEVER (pt 12)

Necessary Conduct in Light of the Coming Destruction of the Universe

Scripture Reading:

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

II Peter 3:1-13

REVIEW

- Necessity #10: Our corruptible (mortal) bodies MUST put on incorruption and immortality, a body with no corrupting sin nature -1 Cor 15:53
- Necessity #11: 2 Cor 5:10 – We all MUST appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ:
 - To determine what works are rewardable, and
 - To be saved from a record of worthless works – 1 Cor 3:15

INTRODUCTION

- Today, we examine Necessity #12: the grace-believer's motivation for our necessary conduct and godliness (well-devotedness) – II Peter 3:11b
 - **Our motivation based on the past:**
 - "We are not our own" – I Cor 6:20
 - Yielding to our Savior's Lordship is only reasonable (logical) – Rom 12:1-2
 - **Our motivation based on our future:**
 - The destruction of the present universe – 2 Pet 3:12, 2 Cor 4:18
 - The creation of new universe – 2 Pet 3:13, Isa 65:17

Our Reminder of Our Position in Christ and Our Purpose – 2 Peter 3:12

Our position in Christ from words of NT prophets –
Eph 3:4-5, cf 4:11

Our purpose: to “love one another as I have loved you”
– Jn 13:34

We are encouraged to remember our position and
purpose in light of Christ’s coming – cf 1 Pet 1:3-5, 7, 13

Our Distraction from Unbelieving Scoffers – 2 Peter 3:3-7

- Their distraction actions
- Their desired ignorance (lit. 'concealment')
Vs 5-7
 - The creation of the universe by the word from God the Son – Jn1:1-3, 14; Job 38:7

Our Distraction from Unbelieving Scoffers – 2 Peter 3:3-7 (continued)

- The great judgment # 1 – the destructive flood on Lucifer's 'rock garden' – Ezek 28:11-17, Gen 1:1-2, cf Isa 45:18, (vs 5a = “out of water”)
- The Great Judgment #2 – The Noahic Flood – Gen 6-9, II Pet 3:5 (vs 5b “through water”)
 - The pre-flood world system was ruined! Vs 6
- The great judgment #3 – vs 7
 - The present universe awaits Christ's coming with the ruination of ungodly men – cf Rev 20:11

CONCLUSION

- Peter is compiling evidence of God's prosecution of all scoffers and ungodly men for the encouragement of believers, NOT for the convincing of the ungodly.