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## Perfect Timing 2 Peter 3:1-9 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

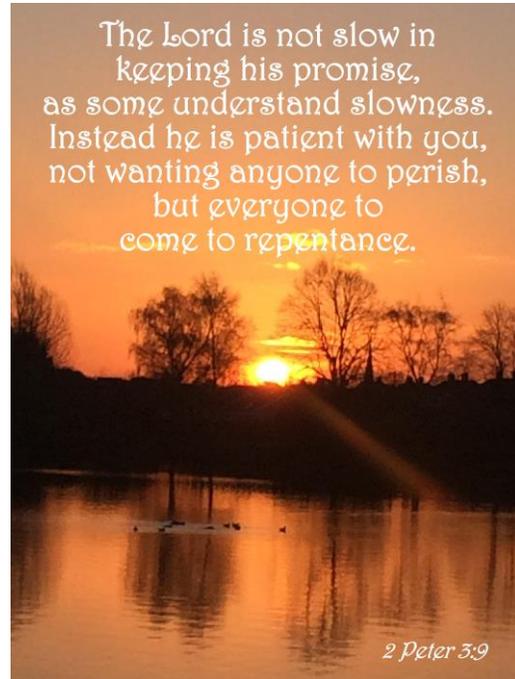
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we start the final chapter of 2nd Peter. In this chapter Peter turns his attention to the things to come. He is very clear in telling us that this world is reserved for fire and there will be a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells. However in this first section he addresses how many people feel; why is God waiting? Why does the earth continue to go on as normal, when is this all going to happen and what do we do in the meantime? Those are all good questions and they also all have good answers. Join us this week as we talk about God's patience and how it is a display of His love and what we can do in the present.

## 2 Peter 3:1-9 (NASB)

### Purpose of This Letter

**3** This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup>that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

### The Coming Day of the Lord

<sup>3</sup>Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, <sup>4</sup>and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it

was from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup>For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, <sup>6</sup>through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup>But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

<sup>8</sup>But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?



**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. How have you seen God at work throughout history?

14. How have you seen God at work in your lifetime?

15. All of this world is reserved for fire. How does this impact what we count as important? How does this impact what we do and how we spend our time and energy?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*