

STUDY OF II PETER CHAPTER 3
“WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE”—PART TWO OF TWO

I. INTRODUCTION.

- II Peter, chapter 3 discusses the Lord's Second Coming.
- In view of the second coming of Christ, “WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?”
- Peter discusses several of these characteristics in chapter 3:
 - To know these will allow us to “examine ourselves”.
 - To apply these will help us to be ready when Jesus comes again.
- KEY VERSE: 3:11—“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?”

II. “WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?”

- **REVIEW OF PRIOR LESSON FROM II PETER 3:**
 - GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD POSSESS PURE MINDS. (3:1)
 - GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE A MINDFUL PEOPLE. (3:2)
 - GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE AN INFORMED PEOPLE. (3:8)
 - GOD'S PEOPLE MUST BE HOLY. (3:11)
 - GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE GODLY. (3:11)
- ***PART TWO OF LESSON—“WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE?”***
 - ***GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR THE LORD'S RETURN. (3:12)***
 - Matt. 24:42—“Watch therefore for ye know not what hour...”
 - Philippians 3:20-21.
 - I Thessalonians 5:1-6—the church urged to “watch” for the Lord's return.
 - ***GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE A “DILIGENT” PEOPLE. (3:14)***
 - To be “found in peace...”.
 - “Without spot...” (James 1:27)
 - “and blameless.”
 - ***GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS AND ALERT. (3:17)***
 - II Peter 2:1.
 - Colossians 2:8.
 - Galatians 6:9 and I Corinthians 10:12.
 - ***GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE STEADFAST. (3:17)***
 - Acts 2:42—Steadfastness of first Christians.
 - I Corinthians 15:58—encouraged to be steadfast.
 - I Peter 5:9—“...resist steadfast in the faith”.
 - ***GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD BE A DEVELOPING (GROWING) PEOPLE. (3:18)***
 - Hebrews 5:12-14—have choice to make.
 - Ephesians 4:11-16—such growth is spoken of.
 - Unity is essential.
 - Knowledge of Christ must grow.
 - Learn to “speak the truth in love.”
 - “...grow up into Him in all things...”

III. CONCLUSION.