

II PETER CHAPTER III

Grace to the End 2 Peter 3:1-10 pt 1



- When you think about studying Eschatology (End Times events), what kind of feelings do you have? Where do you think those feelings or thoughts come from?
- What is Eschatology? How would you define it? Has it been a source of disagreement or controversy for you or people you know? Tell your group about it.
- Why do you think people are drawn to or avoid studying eschatology? What does that say about you? What does that say about the subject?

Closed-hand issues are those that are the gospel and gospel-connected issues. They are issues of Christian orthodoxy. Open-hand issues are those about which historical orthodox Christians disagree, and they are secondary to the gospel.

- Do you think of Eschatology as an open-hand or closed-hand issue? Why did you put it in that hand? If you broke up eschatology into parts, what parts would go in the closed-hand and what parts in the open-hand? How would you prove that division using scripture?
- What is the overall storyline of the Bible? Where do you find these movements in Scripture? If you remove Eschatology from the storyline, what happens to the story? Why is it essential that we not remove it? What is lost?
- What is the purpose of studying the end of the story? What does it display to us? Why is that important?
- What should studying the end times do in us? Why does it have a different effect sometimes?
- Read through 2 Peter 3. What are some ideas, terms, or concepts that do not seem clear? What would help make them clear?