TRUTH FROM THE OLD FISHERMAN #20: A SATISFYING FINISH

Text: 2 Peter 3

* Jesus is Coming Again - and True Christians <u>Can't</u> Wait!

* God's People Should Have Great Reputations and Live Righteous Lives Without Runaway Anxiety

* Most Bible Writers Realized They Were Writing Scripture

* False Teachers (Then & Now) Always Distort the Bible (It Always Begins with Just One Verse, Chapter, or Book)

* Giving Them Any Credibility May Eventually Lead to Your Spiritual **Instability**

* Instead, Keep Increasing in Grace and The Knowledge of Christ Through the Bible and Church

^{2 Peter 3:9} The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

15a And count the patience of our Lord as salvation,

^{15b}just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ^{16a} as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand,

^{16b}which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

