Northwest Bible Church – July 10, 2022 – 2 Peter – Alan Conner

**2 Peter 3:8-9**

*God and Time*

Intro

**A. GOD’S ETERNAL NATURE (2 Peter 3:8).**

1. Believers must not forget God’s eternal nature.

2. This relates to God’s character, not a literal millennium.

**B. GOD’S REDEMPTIVE PURPOSE (2 Peter 3:9).**

1. Arminian view: God desires to save everyone without exception. Free will.

a. Theological problems:

b. Problems with the Arminian view.

2. Calvinist view #1 - God desires to save all but only decrees to save the elect.

3. What does the word “wishing/willing” mean?

*boulomai* - 37 times in the NT; 7 times used of God (Mt. 11:27; Lk. 10:22; 22:42; 1 Cor. 12:11; Heb. 6:17; Jas. 1:18).

4. Calvinist view #2 - The elect of God are in view, not the human race.

a. Consistent with the meaning of “willing.”

b. Who is Peter addressing?

c. Repentance is a gift of God. Acts 5:31; 11:18; 2 Tim. 2:25.

d. Some of the elect have not yet come to faith. 2 Tim. 2:10.

Conclusion