

FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson Fifteen • 2Peter 3:14-16

A Faith That Perseveres

Does Christ's Coming Make a Difference?

The promise of Christ's coming should motivate and move us to PERSEVERE in our faith!

Therefore, beloved... 2Peter 3:14

A Faith That Perseveres:

1. Keep LOOKING with Hope to Christ's Coming!

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things... 2Peter 3:14

2. Be DILIGENT to Pursue Peace and Purity!

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 2Peter 3:14

3. Regard the Lord's PATIENCE as a Time of Salvation!

And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation... 2Peter 3:15

Interpreting the Time in Which We Live:

The history of the world between the first and second coming of Christ is, above all, an age of SALVATION.

4. Remain STEADFAST in the Truth of God's Word!

As also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. 2Peter 3:15-16

Two Warnings:

- Remain steadfast in READING/HEARING God's Word: All Scripture is inspired by God, but not all Scripture is easy to understand.

- Remain steadfast in APPLYING/USING God's Word: It's easy to twist Scripture to justify our sins, but it can lead to our destruction.

What motivates and moves you more in life?

- The promise of Christ's coming and the prospect of the new heavens and earth?

- The promise and prospect of something or someone else in this temporary world?

For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me... 2Timothy 4:10 ESV