

FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson Fourteen • 2Peter 3:10-13

What Kind Of People Should You Be?

Peter's Question:

In light of the coming "Day of the Lord," what kind of people should you be?

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? 2Peter 3:11 NIV

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I. We Should Be Looking with HOPEFULNESS to the Future!

Two Things to Look For:

- Look with hopefulness for the DAY of the Lord.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up...because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat. 2Peter 3:10, 12b

The Coming Day of the Lord:

You can COUNT on it, but you can't PREDICT it.

"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into." Matthew 24:42-43 NKJV

For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 1Thessalonians 5:2-4 NIV

What will happen on the Day of the Lord?

- 1) "The heavens will PASS AWAY with a great noise."
- 2) "The elements will MELT with fervent heat."
- 3) "The earth and the works that are in it will be BURNED UP."

- Look with hopefulness for the NEW heavens and earth.

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2Peter 3:13

"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former thing will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." Isaiah 65:17 NIV

2. We Should Be Living in HOLINESS in the Present!

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God... 2Peter 3:11-12a

Speeding Up Christ's Return:

Holiness and repentance will HASTEN the coming Day of the Lord.

The Motivation for Looking with Hopefulness and Living in Holiness:

Think about what you will LOSE versus what you will GAIN when Jesus comes!

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Where do we find the power for hopefulness and holiness in the last days?

We find it in GOD—His divine power gives us everything we need!

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2Peter 1:3-4 NIV