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Persevere: Living in the Last Days

Lesson Three • 2 Peter 3:10-13
Holy People of Hope

Peter's Question

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

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be... 2 Peter 3:11

What Kind of People Should You Be?

1. We Should Be Waiting with <u>HOPEFULNESS</u> for the Future!

Two Things to Wait For with Hopefulness

Wait with hopefulness for the DAY of the Lord.

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. 2 Peter 3:10

...because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 2 Peter 3:12b

The Coming Day of the Lord

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

Matthew 24:42-43 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4

What will happen on the Day of the Lord?

- 1) "The heavens will pass away with a roar."
- 2) "The heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved."
- 3) "The earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed."

Wait with hopefulness for the NEW heavens and earth.

But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:13

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

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God... 2 Peter 3:11-12a

Speeding Up Christ's Return

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

Motivation for Waiting 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 to live as holy people of hope in the last days?

We find it in <u>GOD</u>—His divine power gives us everything we need!

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 2 Peter 1:3-4