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Persevere: Living in the Last Days

Lesson Four • 2 Peter 3:14-16
Faith That Perseveres

Does Christ's Coming Make Any Difference in Your Life?

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

Therefore, beloved... 2Peter 3:14

Faith That Perseveres

1. Keep WAITING with Hope for Christ's Coming!

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these... 2Peter 3:14

2. Be <u>DILIGENT</u> to Pursue Purity and Peace!

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 2Peter 3:14

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

And count the patience of our Lord as 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 <u>SALVATION</u>.

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

Just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 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, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. 2Peter 3:15-16

Two Warnings

- Remain steadfast in <u>READING/HEARING</u> God's Word: All Scripture is inspired by God, but not all Scripture is easy to understand.
- Remain steadfast in <u>APPLYING/USING</u> 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 creation?
- ☐ The promise and prospect of something else in this temporary world?

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