

Getting Ready

2 Peter 3.11-14

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

1. We are to live holy and godly lives (v.11).

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. (Leviticus 11.45)

“training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. (Titus 2.12-14)

2. We are to look for the day of God (v.12)

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having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. (Acts 24.15)

3. We are waiting for the new heavens and earth (v.13)

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. (Isaiah 65.17)

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. (Hebrews 11.10)

4. We are to be prepared (v.14)

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Corinthians 13.11)

let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, (Philippians 2.15)

Conclusion: Peter clearly teaches the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peter tells us as a result we are to be students of the entire Bible. We are to be a people in which grace is the controlling factor in our lives as we live in light of the second coming of our Lord Jesus.