

2ND PETER

Peter is about to wrap things up with a challenge. What are we going to do with all that he has shared?



CHAPTER 3:11-16

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. ¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him. ¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

The call is to live as if we expect Jesus to return any day. How does verse 14 help to explain what Peter means in verse 8 about living **"holy and godly lives"**?

How could we possibly **"speed the coming"** of the Lord?

Peter mentions the destruction of the old order and the replacement of it with **"a new heaven and a new earth."** What does he call this new domain?

I find it interesting that Peter calls upon the testimony of the Apostle Paul here. What does this tell us?

CHAPTER 3:17

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

As Peter closes out his second letter, he makes one last appeal for them to watch out for false teachers. How does he refer to them here and what do his words indicate about them?

What does it mean to **"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"** and how are we to do that?

Points to Ponder

Do you think your life reflects the conviction that Jesus is returning? Explain...

Are you growing in the grace and knowledge of Savior and Lord? If not, why not?

