

Anticipation

2 Peter 3:1-14

- 1 ¶ This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in [both] which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:
- 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:
- 3 ¶ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,
- 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation.
- 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
- 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
- 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
- 8 ¶ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [is] with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- 9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
- 11 ¶ [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness,
- 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
- 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
- 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

SLIDE OF CHILD

Where Anticipation Dies:

Discouragement abounds.

Depression grows.

Disappointment becomes common.

Distraught stirs. (deep; y upset that leads to agitation)

The Objects of a Christian's Anticipation. Vs. 13

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The Object of His Fulfilled Promises.

The Object of a new Home.

The Object of a place of Holiness.

Each of these powerful anticipations center on Jesus Christ!

Colossians 3:1-2

- 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

The Power of Anticipation. Vs. 14

SLIDE OF MAXIMIZING OUR FUTURE

Anticipation reminds me that I am loved.

- 14 Wherefore, **beloved**, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Anticipation inspires me to be serious about my faith.

- 14 Wherefore, beloved, **seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent** that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Anticipation assures me that I belong.

- 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent **that ye may be found of him in** peace, without spot, and blameless.

Anticipation whispers peace during my storms.

- 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in **peace,** without spot, and blameless.

Anticipation encourages holiness.

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Anticipation helps me to keep things right.

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Have I allowed the storms around me to rob me of my anticipation?

Have I forgotten God's love for me?

Have I allowed the storms to become an excuse for not maintaining my faith?

Have I let anxiety overwhelm my peace?

Is my walk stained with sin?

Have I drifted from God and allowed sinfulness to keep me from Him?