

Home Group Helps

2 Peter 3:10-13

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I. Will Be as the Day of the Lord (v.10) – ¹⁰ 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.

II. Mandates Holiness Now (v.11-12a) – ¹¹ 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,

III. Will Be Radically Different (v.12b-13) – 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.

1. Launching Question(s):

- Why are the end times such a confusing, and often divisive, topic amongst Christians?

2. Observation Question(s):

- Read all of 2 Peter chapter 3.
- What has been taught in 2 Peter up to this point? What questions/situations has he been addressing?

3. Interpretation Question(s):

- What is the “Day of the Lord”, and how should Peter’s use of this phrase help us understand the return of Christ?
- What does Peter mean when he says the Day of the Lord will come as a “thief”? Read Matthew 24:36-51.
- Why does Peter focus so strongly upon the destruction of this present universe in verses 10 and 12?
- What will the “New Heavens and New Earth” be like? Read Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 66:22-23, and Revelation 21:1-8.

4. Reflection Question(s):

- How do you think about the return of Christ? Is it far off in your mind? Do you need to think about His return more?
- What would it look like for our church corporately, not just individually, to wait for and long for Jesus’ return?

5. Application Question(s):

- Peter’s entire point in bringing up the return of Christ was to grow a greater obedience in the Church.
- How can this church, both individually and corporately, be a greater model of holiness and godliness in light of this passage?