



The Second Coming of Christ

Part Four - "The Perseverance Needed Until the Second Coming" 2 Peter 3:10-13

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

The Preparation Needed Before the Second Coming

1. **When?** We don't know. The Lord's judgement will come like a 'thief at night.'
2. **What will happen?** The heavens (sky) will pass away, the elements will be destroyed, and the earth and its works will be burned up (i.e. hot and loud)
3. **So what?** In our personal lives, we must clean up, look up and speak up.

TODAY'S STUDY SECTION

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 3:10–13, NASB95 - ¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.* ¹¹ *Since all these things are to be destroyed [Gk: λύω (loo-o) lit., means "to untie something" but used in this form, it means to "cease to exist" (funeral concept)] in this way, what sort of people ought [Gk: δεῖ (day-on) refers to an obligation including the idea of owing a debt to someone] you to be in holy [Gk: ἅγιος (HAG-ee-os) means set-apart, sanctified, consecrated; it can mean "saint" (fut.) or "holy" (pres.)] conduct [rf., external actions] and godliness [rf., an internal passion; Gk: εὐσέβεια (you-SEB-ee-a) εὐ means "good"; σέβεια means "worship" meaning "good worship" we live by His presence in us and we are motivated by His purposes for us], ¹² looking [lit., anticipating] for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! ¹³ But according to His promise [Gk: ἐπαγγελμα (ep-an-gel-ma) epi means "upon" ἀγγελιον means "message, news, promise") we are looking [lit., yearning for] for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells [A new world order—all that God is, all that He commands, all that He demands, all that He approves, all that He provides through the gospel of Jesus Christ...this new world order will have a *rightlessness* about it for all will be made right and as it should be, holy and upright, in accordance with God's standard and eternal attributes." (AM)]*

To Diligently Persevere Until the Second Coming

1. Sustain the hope of Christ's coming.

2 Peter 3:12–13, NCV - ¹² *as you wait for and look forward to the coming of the day of God...* ¹³ *But God made a promise to us, and we are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth where goodness lives*

- It's about *motivation*—not *speculation*.
- The imminent destruction of all things should be a powerful motivating force.

2. Maintain holiness of Christ in our life.

2 Peter 3:11, 14, NLT - ¹¹ *Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live...* ¹⁴ *And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in His sight.*

- Holiness and Godliness have lasting value.
- Our Bridegroom is coming soon—we must be ready.

3. Develop a heart like Christ for the lost.

2 Peter 3:15, NLT - ¹⁵ *And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him...*

- Be confident that Christ's delay is purposeful.
- Everyone you know has no hope apart from Christ.



God's promises about the end times
motivate us to persevere in the meantime.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

What Should We Do to Prepare for the End of Time?

- A. **Clean up** (1 John 1:8, Galatians 5:19-23, 1 John 1:9)
- B. **Look up** (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)
- C. **Speak Up** (Psalm 105:1, Proverbs 11:30, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 9:37-38)