

What Sort of People Ought You to Be?

II Peter 3:10-13

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Summary: We live in light of who Jesus is and what He did, but **we also live today in light of what He will do when He returns.** “*The day of the Lord will come*” soon, sudden, unexpectedly and unmistakably. What sort of people ought we to be? Answer: progressing in holiness and God centered living, focused on what really counts; living not just for today but for the “*new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.*”

1. A. What period of history does Peter instruct his audience about, and why?
II Peter 3:8-10
- B. How will the day of the Lord’s return be characterized?
Psalm 79:6, Ezekiel 7:8, Micah 5:15, Zechariah 7:8-12, Luke 12:35-46, Romans 1:18, 2:5-6, I Thessalonians 5:2-3, Hebrews 10:35-39, Revelation 16:15
- C. Think of it, everything on this earth which we enjoy and are comfortable with will all go up in smoke! How then must we guard our hearts and our affections?
Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 6:24-33, John 15:7-11, II Corinthians 5:9
2. A. In light of the day of the Lord, what does the apostle Peter say about what we should be, and the way we should live?
II Peter 3:11-12
- B. What does Peter mean by “*holy conduct and godliness*”?
Daniel 1:8, Romans 6:6-18, 12:1-2, 13:14, I Corinthians 9:25-27, Galatians 5:16-24, Titus 2:11-14, I Peter 1:13-19, 4:7-11, I John 3:1-3
- C. Can we actually become a person like this? How?
First, John 3:3, then Ezra 7:10, Psalm 119:9-11, 119:38, 119:67 & 71, Matt. 28:19-20, II Timothy 2:1-2
3. A. What does Peter say Christians are really looking for?
II Peter 3:13
- B. What will the “*new heavens and a new earth*” be like?
John 14:1-3, Revelation 1:12-19, 4:1-11, 21:1-7, 21:10-27, 22:1-7
- C. The epitome of heaven is not the place; it’s the Person. Are you really living for the new heavens and a new earth? How so?
Psalm 16:7-11, Mark 1:35, Hebrews 11:8-10

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” Jude 1:24-25