

## A Final Call to Diligence

II Peter 3:14-16

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How can we be found spotless and blameless? In Christ! In light of the fact this world, heaven and earth, are passing away, we want to live for what lasts, looking forward to the new heavens and new earth where righteousness is at home.

1. A. What is repeated in II Peter 3:12-14?

B. What question is in II Peter 3:11?

According to II Peter 3:12-13, what is the answer?

How can these things be?  
Matthew 24:35, John 14:3

C. Does righteousness reign in this world? What does reign?

2. A. Our text, II Peter 3:14-16, begins, "Therefore." What is it referring to?  
II Peter 3:10-13

B. Material does not last, and we live in a materialistic day. What does the scripture say?  
Matthew 6:19-21, Hebrews 1:10-12

C. God loves you and Peter loved those he wrote to. Stop and enjoy this!  
II Peter 3:1, 8, 14-18

3. A. What are we called to in II Peter 3:14?

- B. Both Peter and Paul knew they were “short timers.” Take note of their call to you, in their last letters.  
II Peter 1:10, 1:15, 3:14, II Timothy 2:15, 4:9, 4:21
  
- C. The more you understand grace, the more diligent you will be.  
II Peter 1:3-7
  
- 4. A. We need to understand our position and experience, our standing and our state, in Christ. What is the standing of every Christian?  
Jude 24-25, Hebrews 10:17, I John 2:12
  
- B. In light of our standing, what should our state of life be?  
II Peter 3:14, I John 2:28
  
- 5. A. How are we to regard His patience?  
II Peter 3:15, 3:8-9, Romans 13:11, II Corinthians 6:2, John 9:4, Galatians 6:10, Romans 10:14, 17
  
- C. How did Peter regard Paul?  
II Peter 3:15-16
  
- 6. A. Some things are hard to understand. For instance, do you find Romans chapter 9 hard to understand? We just looked at verses following Romans 9, Romans 10:14 & 17. How does Romans 11 then follow?  
Romans 11:33
  
- B. How do writers of scripture regard each other?  
I Peter 1:10-12, II Peter 15-16, I Timothy 5:17-18, Deuteronomy 25:4, Luke 10:7
  
- C. We are exhorted to not let the hard to understand portions of scripture keep us from the scripture. Our problem is neglect of the Bible, not that it is so hard to understand. The main things are the plain things; the plain things are the main things. Therefore, be diligent.  
Matthew 22:29-33, Luke 10:26, II Timothy 2:15