

Until Then, What?  
2Peter 3:10-14  
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Peter speaks in a very ‘matter of fact’ manner about the certainty of Jesus’ return and what His return will bring with it.

- That day will come like a thief in the night. (verse 10)
- That day will bring destruction (verse 10,11,12)
- That day will bring renewal (verse 13)

Peter asks the reader a valid question; since Jesus’ return is true, and so is the total destruction that comes with His return, “what kind of people ought you to be?” Peter then gives the right answer to the question. (verse 11b-12a) Peter does not just give a token action to be mimicked but the deeper reason for our action and the fact concerning what comes after this destruction. (our hope) (verse 11a-13)

Peter reinforces his words in 11a –12b “you ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.” With verse 14 – “So then dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him.” These are not idle words, they are recommendations of the strongest kind.

Every Lord’s Day we gather together and partake of the elements of the Lord’s Table; fruit of the vine and unleavened bread. Paul confirms to us that the reasons for doing so are two fold: one – to proclaim the fact of Jesus’ death (and that deaths accomplishments) and second the fact of Jesus return (1Cor.11:26 (23-26)) (There are some mysteries to be investigated concerning the participation in the Lord’s Supper and what that participation brings to the

person partaking but that will have to be dealt with at some future study.)

Jesus is coming again. In the mean time Jesus labors in preparation for that day. We who are His church are called into that labor. (see 1Cor.15:20-28) Verse 23 gives the connection to Jesus’ return, the rest of the passage gives insight into what else is taking place in the background. Such things as:

- Who the resurrection comes through. (Verse 21)
- The redeemed are to be resurrected (Verse 23)
- The end (destruction and judgment) follow His return (verse 24)
- A glimpse at Jesus’ position in present time. (Verse 25)
- A glimpse at Jesus’ future position (Verse 27-28)
- A glimpse of what Jesus is doing (Verse 25)

Jesus is coming and when He does He brings judgment upon all that has not accepted God’s sovereignty. The redeemed are all those that have chosen to make Jesus their Lord and Savior. For those who refuse to do so, they will be made to kneel before Him like those who have been defeated in war. (Rom.14:11-12; Phil.2:5-11)

The time of Jesus’ return is not known to any of us and that is why wisdom calls for each of us to live each day in its anticipation. We are to live in demonstration of our allegiances to God, His Son Jesus, His Kingdom, and His Lordship over our lives. In doing so we live in freedom from judgment now and in the future.

Choose Jesus, Choose holiness, Choose Godliness. It is vital that we each be found on that great day to be “spotless, blameless and at peace with Him.” We will not be found that way if we are not living that way.