Living In View Of The End

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INTRODUCTION

- The underlying point is all things remain as they have been.
- But Peter's overwhelming point in this passage is, yes, things will change. Yes, this world will be destroyed. And so how are you living in view of that day?

1 This World Will End

2 Peter 3:5–6; 2 Peter 3:8–10; 2 Corinthians 5:10

- Peter's first point then is, well, you don't know your history very well. You don't know your history of God's dealing with man.
- The world was destroyed by water. It is now being reserved for fire.
- He's not slow in his promise, but he is patient, not wishing for any to perish.
- We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ and therefore give an account for what we've done in the body.

2 A Direct Link Between Conduct and Conviction

2 Peter 3:3

- As others have said, there is a direct link between conduct and conviction.
- If you are convicted that the Lord will return one day and he'll reward those who follow him, that will determine your conduct.
- This is a call for repentance.
- The point of encouraging repentance is so that we can escape those things.

3 You Be Holy in Your Conduct

2 Peter 3:11; 1 Peter 1:15–16

- Is God wanting you to wallow in that for 2013, or is he wanting you to do something positive with that and actually make some changes?
- Like the holy one who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior, because it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.
- Your God is holy. Therefore, you resolve to be holy too.
- You have a problem with truthfulness? Then approach your brother or sister and say, I need help here.

4 People Who Are Godly

2 Peter 3:11

- The idea of godliness is living a life that reverences and shows respect for God.

- If I'm being holy in my conduct, if I'm growing closer to him, if I'm emulating him, then I can be a godly person.
- The praise of God always needs to be on our lips, but in our lives.

5 Be Found in Peace, Spotless and Blameless

2 Peter 3:14; Romans 12:1; Ephesians 1:4

- Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace. Spotless and blameless.
- To be at peace with our fellow man, be at peace with our brethren. And ultimately, of course, by doing those, to be at peace with Him.
- You can't always control the attitudes that others have towards you. But what we can control what God has given to us is our attitude toward others.
- Feel remorse for that. But let it lead to repentance.

6 Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus

2 Peter 3:17–18; Titus 2:11–14

- But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Grace determines everything you and I are going to do.
- And now whether we appreciate that gift or not determines how we're going to live.
- You grow in your knowledge of what God has done for you, and you grow in your knowledge of what God would ask of you.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You allow these things to make you think. You allow these things to examine your own conduct and how the end will come. This life is not certain.**

MY NOTES