

Intro:

IX. Living in Anticipation of Christ's Return

A. Having an Eternal Perspective - vs 11-13

1. The Reason for It - vs 11

a. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, - Referring back to 3:7-10

b. what manner of persons ought you to be

i. *potapos* - whatever, of what possible sort:--what (manner of).

ii. Not a question, but an assertion

iii. Unique term - should be rendered - how astonishingly excellent

c. in holy conduct and godliness,

i. the implication of eschatological truth

ii. An exhortation to live worthy lives

- holy conduct - external actions and behavior

- holy conduct - internal heart attitude and reverence

2. The Nature of It - vs 12

a. Not fearing or worrying about coming Judgment

i. looking for and hastening

ii. Perfect love cast out fear, Fear involves torment - 1 Jo 4:17-18

iii. Maranatha; Even so, Come Lord Jesus - 1 Co 16:22; Re 22:20

b. the coming of

i. *parousia* - a being near, advent (return; of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); physically, aspect:--coming, presence.

ii. Used of

- the rapture - 1 Th 4:15, description of gathering saints

- the second coming - Mt 24; 2 Th 2:8, description of judgment

c. the day of God,

i. Phrase used twice in NT - here and Rev 16:14

ii. because of which - *dia* - a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; through, after, because of (that), by occasion of, of, by reason of,

iii. the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? - Ps 50:3; Isa 34:4; Mic 1:4; Tit 2:13; 2Pe 3:10

3. Nevertheless we,

a. according to His promise, Ps 102:25-26; Isa 65:17; 66:22;

i. When?

- the eternal state - everything is perfect

- The millennium - not everything is perfect yet allowing for vs 27

ii. Why? - Rev 21 after Rev 20 chronologically - the sinfulness of man

b. look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

B. Having Internal Peace - vs 14a

1. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things - see 3b

2. be diligent - Ps 34:14; 2Co 13:11; 2Ti 2:22; Jas 3:18

3. to be found by Him in peace,

a. to be found - reminder that no one will be able to hide

b. peace - a wide variety of meanings here referring to peace of mind that accompanies a confident faith in the Lord

C. Having Practical Purity - vs 14b

1. without spot - deals with character or the private life of the believer - Php 1:10

2. and blameless - deals with reputation or the public life of the believer

D. Faithful Proclamation - vs 15a

1. and consider

a. remembering 3:8-9

b. can't be idle, but about the business of proclaiming that which would bring salvation, the gospel - 2 Co 5:11,14-15,18-20

2. that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation

a. the Lord delays His coming in order to save - Ro 2:4

b. Lk 15:11-32 the prodigal son illustrates the patience of God

E. Doctrinal Perceptiveness - vs 15b-17

1. as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written

a. as also - Peter refers to similar warnings from Paul

b. our beloved brother Paul - underscores their common life and mission

c. according to the wisdom given to him - reminds the readers to reject the false teachers and remember what Paul wrote

d. all his epistles, - Peter doesn't quote specific passage, gives gen endorsement

2. speaking in them of these things, - eschatological things

a. in which are some things hard to understand,

i. the rapture - 1 Th 4:13-18

ii. The coming man of sin - 2 Th 2:1-4

iii. The return of Christ in judgment - 1 Th 5:1-11; 2 Th 1:3-10

iv. The glories of heaven - 2 Co 5:1; 12:2-4

v. *dušnoetos* - difficult of perception:--hard to be understood.

- carries the idea of difficult to interpret

- not implying impossible to understand

b. which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction,

i. *amathes* - ignorant:--unlearned.

ii. *asteriktos* - unfixated, vacillating:--unstable.

iii. *streblōo* - to wrench, to torture (by the rack), to pervert:--wrest.

iv. *apoleia* - ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal):--damnable(-nation), destruction, die, perdition, perish, pernicious ways, waste.

c. as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

i. not just the eschatological passages

ii. Would include biblical teachings on the Law, repentance, justification, sanctification

iii. Peter affirms that Paul's writing were scripture

3. You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand,

a. beware - *phulasso* - to watch, be on guard; to preserve, avoid:--beware, keep (self), observe, save.

b. lest you also fall from your own steadfastness,

c. being led away with the error of the wicked;

F. Spiritual Progress - vs 18a

1. but grow - *auxano* - to grow, enlarge, grow (up), (give the) increase.

2. in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. - intimacy w/ God, gives more grace in your day to day

G. Continual Praise - vs 18b

1. Closes with a common doxology - Ro 11:36; 2 Co 1:20; Eph 1:12; 3:20-21; Jd 25

2. To Him (refers back to 18a) To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

a. in the present - in your day to day

b. and for eternity