

Accelerating the End (2 Peter 3:3-13)

Living in Light of the End – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – January 4, 2015
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Proverbs 4:18-19 (NIV) The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

1. Understand that _____ will come

2 Peter 3:3 (NIV) First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

1A. Scoffers say that _____ rules the world

2 Peter 3:4 (NIV) They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

1B. Scoffers _____ that God created & destroyed the world

2 Peter 3:5-6 (NIV) But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

1C. Scoffers don't understand _____ is coming

2 Peter 3:7 (NIV) By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2. God exists outside of _____

2 Peter 3:8 (NIV) But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2A. Jesus is _____ until more people repent

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2B. Jesus will come _____ in judgment

2 Peter 3:10 (NIV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

3. Live a _____ and godly life

2 Peter 3:11 (NIV) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

3A. _____ the coming of Jesus

2 Peter 3:12 (NIV) as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

3B. Look _____ to a new heaven and earth

2 Peter 3:13 (NIV) But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

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Intro. What are you looking forward to in the New Year?

Contrast what 2015 will hold for the righteous and the wicked (Proverbs 4:18-19).

What goals do you think that God has for you in the New Year?

- 1A. What examples of scoffers have you seen lately (2 Peter 3:3)?
- 1B. In what ways do scoffers deny the supernatural power of God (2 Peter 3:4)?
- 1C. How does Peter address the scoffer's claims (2 Peter 3:5-6)? In what ways are these supernatural events under attack today?
- 1D. How should God's past supernatural actions give scoffers an indication of what's coming in the future (2 Peter 3:7)?
- 1E. In what ways have scoffers invaded the church itself in our time?

- 2A. What does 2 Peter 3:8 indicate about God's and our perception of time?
- 2B. Why has Jesus not returned yet according to 2 Peter 3:9?
- 2C. What will be the characteristics of Jesus' return (2 Peter 3:10)?
- 2D. In what ways is life a gift to the unbeliever? To the believer?
- 3A. What impact should our understanding of Jesus' coming have on the lifestyle of the believer (2 Peter 3:11)?
- 3B. How can we accelerate the coming of Jesus (2 Peter 3:12)?
- 3C. What is there to look forward to in the new heaven and earth (2 Peter 3:13)?
- 3D. According to this entire passage, what can we expect to see in 2015?
- 3E. Based on this passage, what goals does God want you to have in 2015?
- 3F. How do the truths in this passage give you hope for the New Year?