



Reaching the World For Christ

Famous Last Words
Peter's Last Letter: Part 13
2 Peter 3:11-18

“The End”

Peter gives us 6 final words of advice as we await the coming day of the Lord.

I. Patient Anticipation v12-13

Rev 21:1-4 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

Rev 21:22-27 *And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

1 Thess 4:16-18 *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

Titus 2:13 *looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

Phil 3:20 *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

II. Purity and Peace v14

1. **Spotless denotes Christian character: who you are inwardly.**

2. **Blameless denotes Christian reputation: what you do outwardly.**

1 John 3:2-3 *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

III. Proclaiming the Gospel v15-16

Matt 24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

IV. Persevering in the Faith v17

Jude 24 *Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy*

Rom 9:16 *It depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy*



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V. Progress in Your Walk v18

1. Increase in Grace v18a
2. Increase in Knowledge v18b

“We are giving in to the dangerous temptation to take the Jesus of the Bible and twist him into a version of Jesus we are more comfortable with. A nice, middle-class, American Jesus. A Jesus who doesn’t mind materialism and who would never call us to give away everything we have. A Jesus who would not expect us to forsake our closest relationships so that he receives all our affection. A Jesus who is fine with nominal devotion that does not infringe on our comforts, because, after all, he loves us just the way we are. A Jesus who wants us to be balanced, who wants us to avoid dangerous extremes, and who, for that matter, wants us to avoid danger altogether. A Jesus who brings us comfort and prosperity as we live out our Christian spin on the American dream. But, do you realize what we are doing at this point? We are molding Jesus into our image. He is beginning to look a lot like us because, after all, that is whom we are most comfortable with. And the danger now is that when we gather in our church buildings to sing and lift up our hands in worship, we may not actually be worshipping the Jesus of the Bible. Instead, we may be worshipping ourselves” (David Platt).

VI. Praise Him in All Things v18c