Quote: "Therefore, let us wait productively. Be holy and godly. Be persistently pure and at peace. Hate sin. For by these things you hasten the coming of the Lord."—**Kent Hughes**

3. STAY PLANTED IN _____ (v. 16–18)

A. The Error of the _____

IGNORANT OF TRUTH (2 TIMOTHY 3:7)

UNSTABLE IN THEIR CONVICTION (EPHESIANS 4:14)

WILLING TO TWIST SCRIPTURE (2 CORINTHIANS 4:2)

Quote: "I may just add that the verb [twist], which the apostle uses here, signifies to distort, to put to the rack, to torture, to overstretch, and dislocate the limbs; and hence the persons here intended are those who proceed according to no fair plan of interpretation, but force unnatural and sophistical meanings on the word of God."—**Adam Clarke**

EVENTUALLY SELF-DESTRUCT (2 PETER 2:1)

B. The Ambition of the _____

GROW IN GRACE (2 TIMOTHY 2:1)

Quote: "Some grow faster in grace in five minutes than others do in fifty years."—**C. H. Spurgeon**

GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

GIVE HIM THE GLORY

CONCLUSION

WHILE WE WAIT

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Text: 2 Peter 3:11–18

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen." (2 Peter 3:11–18)

INTRODUCTION

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1. LOOK AHEAD WITH _____ (v. 11–14a)

A. Heaven and Earth Will _____

Quote: "Look out therefore, and make sure of a happiness beyond this visible world, which must all be melted down." **—Matthew Henry**

B. Righteousness Will Remain _____

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Quote: "Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither."**—C.S. Lewis**

"Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth." (Psalm 119:142)

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." (Isaiah 65:17)

Quote: "The most glorious characteristic of this new heaven and new earth is that it is a place in which righteousness dwells."**—*Enduring Word Commentary***

2. BE DILIGENT IN HOLY _____ (v. 14b–15)

A. Enjoy Peace with _____

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" (Romans 5:1)

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." (1 John 2:28)

B. Commit to Godly _____

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15–16)

Quote: "Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if it were the last hour of my life."**—Jonathan Edwards**

C. Share the Message of _____

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

PETER'S NOTEWORTHY TRIBUTE TO PAUL

1. Peter Shows Love and Appreciation for the Apostle Paul
2. Peter Admits the Difficulty of Interpreting Some of Paul's Writing
3. Peter Acknowledges Paul's Writing as Holy Scripture