

AT PEACE WITH JESUS
II PETER 3:14-15

Introduction:

- A. The fact of the earth's dissolution has been stated.
 - 1. v11 "all these things shall be dissolved."
 - 2. dissolved = to loosen, to unbind."

- B. The Lord is coming back to this earth.
 - 1. v10.
 - 2. "the day of the Lord" will have begun.

- C. Since all these things are going to occur.
 - 1. "wherefore..."
 - 2. "make every effort to be found at peace with Him."

I. NOT EVERY CHURCH MEMBER IS READY TO SEE JESUS.

- A. The implication and teaching of v14.
 - 1. Some are not at peace.
 - 2. Some are spotted.
 - 3. Some are to be blamed.

- b. John tells us with certainty.
 - 1. I John 2:28.
 - 2. ashamed = to feel shame, the feeling which attends a dishonorable deed.

II. THESE FACTS SHOULD MOTIVATE US.

- A. "be diligent"
 - 1. "to do the utmost, to make haste"
 - 2. "try your very best."

- B. "Be found at peace with Him."
 - 1. peace = a state of untroubled or undisturbed well-being.

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- C. "without spot."
 - 1. spot = a bodily defect.
 - 2. "Don't be a spiritual cripple."

- D. "and blameless."
 - 1. blameless = not open to censure on adverse criticism
 - 2. This criticism would be from Jesus!

III. WE SHOULD HAVE A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF HIS DELAY.

- A. Some look upon it as a time to sin.
 - 1. "My Lord delayeth His coming."
 - 2. Matt. 24:44-51.

- B. Peter tells us how we should view it. v15a.
 - 1. "look upon our Lord's longsuffering as salvation"
 - 2. Peter earlier example. I Peter 3:20.
 - 3. II Peter 3:9.
 - 4. His patience in not judging the world is the attitude that allowed us to be saved.

- C. Paul also wrote of these truths.
 - 1. v15.
 - 2. This is a Bible truth, not some scary issue invented by Peter.

- D. "Wherefore"
 - 1. We have more responsibility than these.
 - 2. Will we be "spotted and blameable?"