

GOD'S GREAT QUESTION FOR CHRISTIANS
II PETER 3:10-12

Introduction:

- A. What is important and what isn't?
 - 1. If you can find the answer to this question you will have made progress.
 - 2. Who will care 100 years from now?

- B. Peter tries to get these people to look at life through the lines of the Bible.
 - 1. v11.
 - 2. If you apply this truth, it will help.
 - 3. Some things may not be as important as we think they are.

I. A STATEMENT CONCERNING THIS WORLD AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN IT. V10

- A. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night."
 - 1. The time when God has His way.
 - 2. From Rapture to the New Heavens and New Earth.

- B. "in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise."
 - 1. "the heavens" = the firmament, not God's dwelling.
 - 2. "the heavens shall vanish with a crackling roar."
 - 3. "a rushing, as of winds and waves."

- C. "and the elements shall melt with fervent heat."
 - 1. elements = the primary matter, in physics & sciences
 - 2. melt = to be melted, to change form.
 - 3. fervent heat = to set on fire.

- D. Jesus said it would happen. Matt. 24:35.
 - 1. "Heaven and earth shall pass away."

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2. The same Jesus who said other things.
3. "But my words shall not pass away."

E. "seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved."

1. dissolved = luv = to loosen, disunite the parts of anything, destroy, to tear down.
2. What would happen if atoms lost their binding power?

II. GOD'S GREAT QUESTION FOR CHRISTIANS. V11

A. "What manner of persons ought ye to be?"

1. conversation = life as made up of actions, mode of life, conduct.
2. holy = pious, devout.
3. What holy, godly, pious people you should be.

B. What manner of person are you?

1. Seeing that all these things shall come apart.
2. In your daily life, are you honest?
3. Prayer, Bible study, witnessing, giving, church attendance, your talk.

III. WE SHOULD BE ANTICIPATING THAT DAY. V12

A. "looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the Lord."

1. We can be ready!
2. Many of God's people aren't ready!

B. God expects us to do better.

1. We can do better.
2. We should do better.