

**2 Peter 3:11-18 Counsel:
Be Found In Christ & Grow In Grace And Knowledge**

Introduction:

Illustration: The Man-The Credit Card-The Friend-The Warning

The Main Idea of 2 Peter 3:11-18

Our Lord Jesus is coming again and we should be ready for his coming by being a holy, patiently waiting, repentant and faithful, wise, biblically stable, growing, and Christ glorifying people .

The Day of the Lord: Jesus Is Coming Again! (vv 7, 10-13)

1. The Day of the Lord/God (v 10)
 - a. Common phrase throughout the Old Testament
 - b. **See Zephaniah 1:14-16 and Joel 2:30, et. al.**
2. Jesus' Coming will be Terrible
 - a. Will be Unexpectant: as a thief (**Mat 24, 1 Thess 5**)
 - b. Christians are graciously given this revelation
 - c. Fiery Judgment (v 12)
 - d. Heavenly bodies will dissolve, melt (v 11, 12)
3. God's Decree
 - a. He speaks and judgment will happen (v 7)
 - b. God is consistent both in the OT and the NT: His verdict on humanity will be guilty
4. Jesus' Coming will be Glorious (v 13)
 - a. Creation will be Destroyed, Not Annihilated: **See Romans 8:19-23**
 - b. A New Heavens and a New Earth: redeemed and restored
 - c. No more pain and sorrow, sin and death: **See Revelation 21:1-4**

Seven Christian Traits in Light of the 2nd Coming (vv 11-18)

1. A Holy and Godly People (v 11, 14)
 - a. Be zealous for holiness – live with the end in view
 - b. Judicial Language – *without spot of blemish*
 - i. **See 1 Peter 1:19, 2 Peter 2:13**
 - ii. Court of Law: Innocent, Blameless
 - iii. What sinful spot needs to be cleaned out of your life?

2. A People Patiently Waiting For Christ (vv 12-14)
 - a. We live now, looking upward
 - b. We understand the delay of God in sending the Son
 - c. Today is the time of Salvation (v 15)
 - d. We wait eagerly, knowing our neighbors, friends, family, enemy still have time to repent and believe
 - e. What does it mean to hasten the day of God?
 - i. The Day of the Lord is Fixed (**Acts 17:30-31**)
 - ii. **Verse 9** – God waits for repentance
 - iii. Hastening → Removing the obstacles to the 2nd coming through evangelism and missions
3. A Repentant And Faithful People (vv 9, 12, 14)
 - a. We Preach Repentance from sin and Faith in Christ while we live as a witness to others with penitent lives, without spot of blemish
4. A Wise People (vv 15-16)
 - a. Christians understand the times – this is the Day of Salvation
 - b. One day the forbearance of God will cease
5. A Biblically Stable People (vv 15-17)
 - a. Peter and Paul are United (**Romans 2:4**)
 - b. Paul was given Divine Wisdom
 - c. Paul's Writings are on par/equal to the OT
 - d. Some parts are difficult to understand
 - e. False teachers Twist and Distort the Bible to fit their lifestyles (Examples: Episcopal Church, Open-Theism)
 - f. There are Right and Wrong Interpretations of Scripture: Some Errors can be Damning
6. A Growing People (v 18a; 2 Peter 1:2)
 - a. Growth in Grace and knowledge of Christ– cure for Spiritual Instability
 - b. Understand the Deep Favor and Love of God for you in Christ
 - c. Study His Word and Persevere in the Faith
7. A People Who Glorifies Jesus Christ (v 18b)
 - a. This is Our AIM in all We do!
 - b. Peter does this throughout his letters – He lifts high the Cross, He Exalts and Magnifies Christ
 - c. Christ paid our Debt... our Bill for Sin at the Cross: Let Us Glorify Him!