

why Christ doesn't come back and change things now. Peter affirmed that the Lord "is not slack concerning His promise," but delays His return to give people everywhere more time to repent (v.9).

We mustn't forget that "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (v.8). Eventually the day of the Lord will come, bringing a judgment of consuming fire. This will be followed by a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness and of God's forgiven people (v.13).

As we anticipate that triumphant day, we must live consistent, holy lives (v.14), resist all evil influences (v.17), and grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (v.18). Then, instead of despairing over evil, we will be able to share the good news of Jesus with the world.

*We know not when the Lord may come  
To right the wrongs of this old earth,  
But this we know—He's left us here  
To share good news of second birth. —Hess*

**We don't know what this world is coming to, but we know the One who is coming to this world.**



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### Don't Despair, Share

During these days of horrific world events, Christians should be appalled but not taken by surprise. Jesus forewarned us of terrible times to come. In 2 Peter 3, Peter reassured believers by reminding them of God's unfolding purposes and final victory.

The apostle described ungodly scoffers, who in the last days will say, "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 Peter 3:4). We too may wonder





## 2 Peter: Overcoming Error Prepare for the Day II

**(Revelation 21:4)** *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

What must our lives be like, since 'the day' is imminent? Our responses should be, according to 2 Peter 3:

1. **Godliness**, verses 7-11
2. **Watchfulness**, verse 12,
3. **Hopefulness**, verse 13

4. **P** \_\_\_\_\_, verses 3-4, 8-16, 1 Peter 1:19

**(Matthew 24:37-39)** *"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. {38} For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, {39} and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."*



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

**(Philippians 4:6-7)** *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; {7} and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

5. **S** \_\_\_\_\_, verse 17

**(James 5:8)** *".. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."*

**(Romans 12:2)** *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."*

**(1 John 2:15-17)** *"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world. {17} And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."*



6. **G** \_\_\_\_\_, verse 18, 1:1-4

**(John 1:14)** *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

**(Colossians 4:6)** *"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."*



**(1 Corinthians 16:3)** *".. whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem."*

**(Colossians 3:16)** *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*

**(1 Corinthians 15:9-10)** *"For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. {10} But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."*

