

The Rapture: Speeding up The Coming of the Lord

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1 Peter 2:11

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

2 Peter 3:9, 11-12

⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹¹Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹²as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.^[a] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

1. We need to realize not only that we are living in the last of the last days, but also that we are here for a short time.
2. We must avoid sinful desires that wage war against our souls and live holy lives.
3. We can hasten or accelerate the coming of the Lord.
 - A. By reaching more people with the Gospel.
 - B. It seems that the coming of the Lord will not occur until the last soul is saved.
 - C. Let's do all we can to proclaim the Gospel.

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

