

The End
Part 3: "The Words of Peter and Paul"
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BIBLE VERSE

Hebrews 11:16

16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

BIBLE VERSE

Matthew 24:29-31

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

BIBLE VERSE

Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

BIBLE VERSE^[1]_[SEP]

John 14:1-3

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

BIBLE VERSE

^[1]_[SEP]Revelation 21:3

Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

His return will be spectacular and the world will see it.

His return is sure because he promised it.

His return will be supernatural, he will not come as a baby or a person but as God descending from the heavens.

His return will be intimate; for those who are close to him.

His return is imminent but we do not know when.

BIBLE VERSE

2 Peter 3:2-13

...that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since

the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” 5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

BIBLE VERSE

 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

BIBLE VERSE

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Jesus will return.

False affections

False Character

False Teaching

BIBLE VERSE

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

The Last Days will be marked by:

FALSE AFFECTIONS

FALSE CHARACTER

FALSE TEACHING

DIGGING DEEPER

This week's text: 1 John 2:18-19

BEFORE YOU START

Take a moment and read the passage above consider the word "remain"

With a few moments of contemplation, consider what remain means.

Ask God if there is any part of your Christian life that needs to be built up to remain

Play a worship song, and through that song ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to be His witness

Day 1: Read the Apostle John's instruction (1 John 2:18-19, 4:1-4,11-14; 2 John 1:6-7)

Read them several times and understand they are written for your instruction today.

Ask yourself: If time is crucial today, what is my responsibility as a Christian today?

Pray and let God know of any concern you have personally, with family, a co-worker, neighbor, stranger or issue; and then remember the two words that are referenced: Love and remaining...ask God to help you express these in your situations.

Memorize one of these verses.

Day 2: Read the Apostle Paul's and Peter's Instructions (1 Timothy 3:1-7, 4:1-6, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-13, 2 Peter 3:1-14))

Can you identify one key principle or think of a sentence that summarizes what they are telling you specifically?

With all happening in your surroundings right now can you think of a way to live this out?

Pray and ask God to give you some ideas, help you understand, and show you what you don't need to worry about.

Pick a verse and memorize it.

Day 3: Read...and practice Jesus' instructions (John 14)

Repeat and memorize verse 1

Make a mental list of all your problems, stresses, issues, anger, and boredom...pray and let God know and read this verse out loud in your prayer time.

Read verse 23 and ask yourself, "how am I loving/not loving Jesus now?"

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