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II Peter 3:11-18

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<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in holy conduct and godliness <sup>12</sup> as you wait for the day of God and hasten its coming.<sup>[d]</sup> Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with fire and the elements will melt with heat. <sup>13</sup> But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things, make every effort to be found without spot or blemish in his sight, at peace. <sup>15</sup> Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him. <sup>16</sup> He speaks about these things in all his letters. There are some things hard to understand in them. The untaught and unstable will twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard, so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stable position. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief;<sup>[a]</sup> on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed.

I. Look forward to Christ's return

<sup>12</sup> as you wait for the day of God and hasten its coming. <sup>[d]</sup> Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with fire and the elements will melt with heat. <sup>13</sup> But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

II. Be at peace with the return of Christ

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things,

III. Behave while we wait on Christ to return.

make every effort to be found without spot or blemish in his sight, at peace.

IV. Spread the good news of the gospel as we wait on Christ's return

<sup>15</sup> Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him.

V. Be on guard against false teaching while waiting on Christ's return.

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VI. We should continue to grow spiritually while waiting on Christ to return.

<sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

The Growth Gene: A Disciple Grows up Spiritually By Dr. David O. Dykes.

Stage 1: Spiritually Dead. The chief characteristic of this stage is UNBELIEF

Stage 2: Spiritual Infant. The chief characteristic of this stage is IGNORANCE

Stage 3: Spiritual Child. The chief characteristic of this stage is being SELF-CENTERED

Stage 4: Spiritual Young Adult. The chief characteristic of this stage is SERVICE

Stage 5: Spiritual Parent. The chief characteristic of this stage is REPRODUCTION