



Be Diligent

2 Peter 3:14-18

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Introduction:

As the Apostle Peter faced martyrdom, he was moved by the Holy Spirit to write a second epistle to those who had “*obtained like precious faith*” in Jesus Christ. He was motivated to encourage believers to remember their salvation, to continue to grow in grace, to beware of false teachers and to be diligent knowing that the judgement of the unrighteous come as a thief in the night. His call to diligence as we await the trumpet’s sound continues to be intensely relevant for us today!

DEFINITION—DILIGENT: to be eager; to have or show keen interest, intense desire, or impatient expectancy.

See also Ga 2:10, Eph 4:3, 1 Th 2:17, 2 Ti 2:15, Heb 4:11, 2 Pe 1:10, 2 Pe 1:15, 2 Pe 3:14

DEFINITION—BELOVED: divinely-loved ones

1. Be Diligent Because of _____

_____ (14a)

2 Peter 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things...

SUCH THINGS — *The Day of the Lord (10-13)*

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

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THE DAY OF THE LORD — *Tribulation, judgement*

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

THE RAPTURE — *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2. Be Diligent Because of _____

_____ (14b)

NOTE — Who we know is watching us often impacts our behavior.

2 Peter 3:14 ...be diligent that ye may be found of him...

DEFINITION—FOUND: to be discovered; to be or become encountered in a specific state or condition (as if being discovering as such).

QUOTE: “Be found by him” undoubtedly refers to the judicial finding of Christ, the Judge, at the day of his [judgement]. — Lenski

2 Timothy 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2 Corinthians 5:10–11 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

3. Be Diligent Because of _____

_____ (14c)

2 Peter 3:14 ... found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

PEACE — *harmonious relations and freedom from disputes; especially during the absence of war.*

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

1 Thessalonians 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

WITHOUT SPOT — *free from censure, irreproachable; a morally clean life (Wuest)*

2 Peter 2:13 Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

BLAMELESS — *that which cannot be blamed or found fault with (Wuest)*

QUOTE: This means that no charge of serious wrong can be sustained against him. It does not mean that he is sinless, but rather that if he does commit some fault, he makes it right with both God and man. —BBC

Philippians 2:14–15 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1 Timothy 3:10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

QUOTE: We are spotless and unblemished when we have daily forgiveness and live in obedience and expectation of the day of judgment. —BBC

Conclusion

Am I diligently living to be found by Jesus Christ in peace, morally clean and without blame?

