

**References and/or Scripture Quoted**  
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**Colossians 1:13-17**

**The Incomparable Christ**

<sup>13</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>For He rescued us from the <sup>[b]</sup>domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of <sup>[c]</sup>His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> <sup>[d]</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For <sup>[e]</sup>by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> He <sup>[f]</sup>is before all things, and in Him all things <sup>[g]</sup>hold together.

**Footnotes:**

- a. Colossians 1:13 Lit *Who rescued*
- b. Colossians 1:13 Lit *authority*
- c. Colossians 1:13 Lit *the Son of His love*
- d. Colossians 1:15 Lit *Who is*
- e. Colossians 1:16 Or *in*
- f. Colossians 1:17 Or *has existed prior to*
- g. Colossians 1:17 Or *endure*

**2 Peter 3:3-18**

**The Coming Day of the Lord**

<sup>3</sup> Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup> For <sup>[a]</sup>when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, <sup>6</sup> through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup> But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

<sup>8</sup> But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

**A New Heaven and Earth**

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and <sup>[b]</sup>its works will be <sup>[c]</sup>burned up.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

<sup>13</sup> But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, <sup>16</sup> as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, <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. Amen.

**Footnotes:**

- a. 2 Peter 3:5 Or *they are willfully ignorant of this fact, that*
- b. 2 Peter 3:10 Lit *the works in it*
- c. 2 Peter 3:10 Two early mss read *discovered*

Click the following link to see what happens when just a few atoms are allowed to come apart. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-22tna7KHZI>

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