

Text: 2 Peter 3:10
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Jesus is Coming Back!

So What Will It Be Like?

part 3

3:3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. (NIV)

1. Learn to _____ (v.10b)

2. Start _____ (v.10a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings that are meeting this week call the church office (949-489-2600).

1. Make a general list of the things that you do in an average week.

Categorize the items in the list above according to the following chart.

	Has Eternal Significance	Does Not Have Eternal Significance
Seemingly Unavoidable and Cries Loudly for My Attention	A	C
Can Easily Be Neglected and Does Not Cry Loudly for My Attention	B	D

2. What other activities might fit the description of each quadrant?
3. As a result of our message we definitely want to elevate to the top of our priority list the "A" and "B" activities of our lives. That is easy to say, but if you are like most of us quadrant "C" often takes precedence over quadrant "B". Give some examples of this in your own life.

What do you think it requires in your life to make sure that "B" items get more of your attention than "C" items?
What are the practical costs involved in doing this?

4. In a bad week issues that fill the "C" quadrant (and sometimes the "D" quadrant) overshadow even the "A" activities. Give an example or two of this and then seek to articulate what is required to avoid this misappropriation of our time.
5. What needs to happen in your life to pair down or eliminate the items that occupy quadrant "D"?