

# FOREVER YOURS

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## INTRODUCTION

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A. TEXT: *“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and for ever. Amen.* vs. 14-18.

B. SETTING: Peter’s closing remarks to the brethren.

1. His knowledge that the end of his life was near. *“Knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ signified unto me.”* v 14.
  2. He express his desire for them.
  3. What he wants them to do and to be and receive.
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## Ye Look For These Things

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A. WHAT WERE THEY LOOKING FOR. What had they been told?

1. “The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” v. 16.
2. “False prophets”. Chapter two.
3. “End of the Age”. Chapter three.
4. “New Heavens and a New Earth.

B. THE ADVANTAGE THAT IS OURS....knowing that these things shall be.

1. Peter would remind them once again. 3:1.
  2. We want to look at each of these briefly this morning.
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## The Coming Of The Christ

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A. THE COMING OF THE CHRIST. MESSIAH.

1. This in reference to His First Coming.
2. Of which Peter was an eye witness. v. 16.
3. Speaks of the experience on Mount of Transfiguration. (Matt. 17).

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## B. WE HAVE A SAVIOR!

1. John 3;16.
2. His name is called “Immanuel” “God with us” (Matt. 1:23).

## C. CLOSES BY ENCOURAGING US TO LOOK FOR HIS RETURN.

1. The New Heavens.
  2. An Eternal Abiding Place.
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## FALSE PROPHETS

A. *“But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.”* II Peter 2;1.

1. He tells us this, not to scare us, but to prepare us.
2. Knowing they are coming and what they are going to do gives us an advantage.

B. *“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation,”* (2:9).

1. He has given us an infallible guide....His Word.
  2. Follow it....It Leads To Heaven
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## End Of The Age

A. MOCKERS WILL COME. (3:3).

1. “Saying, where is the promise of his coming.”
2. “Nothing has changed from the beginning.” v. 4.
3. The “Willfully” “Deliberately” forget!

B. “THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AS A THIEF” v. 10.

1. Those who are unprepared will lose all.
  2. Those who know .... Christians ....will be ready.
  3. *“Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”* vs. 11-13.
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## NEW ETERNAL HOME

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- A. *“But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”* v. 13.
1. John 14:1-4. “I go to prepare a place for you...”
  2. God, in the Book of Revelation, give us a view of Heaven. How beautiful Heaven must be!
- B. THEREFORE LET US *“give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight.”* v. 14.
1. In I Peter 1:5-7 we have listed the “Christian Graces”.
  2. *“If you do these things ye shall never stumble.”* 1;10.
  3. *“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.”* (I Cor. 15:58).
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## CONCLUSION

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- A. Peter would forever remind and encourage them to be ready for that which God has prepared for them.
1. There may be persecution and trials in this life (4:12)
  2. But we have an inheritance that is incorruptible and eternal.
- B. His final words of encouragement were: *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to him be the glory both now and forever. Amen!”* v. 18.
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