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# Live Like Jesus Is Coming Again 2 Peter 3:14-16

# An Exposition through 2 Peter: Established in the Truth



- God.
- end.

As Peter closes his letter, four commands from God compel us in four responses to God based on Jesus coming again.

• Only believers can respond to God in life in these four ways.

• Only believers can make the most of our time on earth for the glory of

• Only believers can and must care about living for God now in light of the



## Jesus is coming again, so...

Remember what Peter emphasizes in the previous context:

"The end of the story is the whole point of the story." (John MacArthur and Richard Mayhue)

## The end of things is God's purpose for everything.

# I. Be Diligent (2 Peter 3:14)

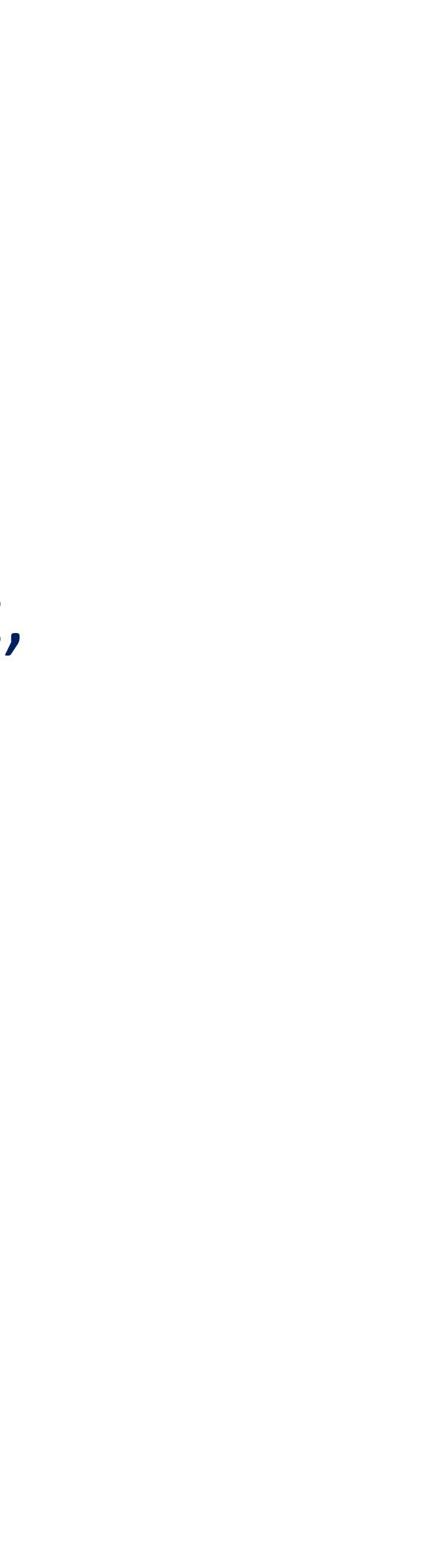
# "...beloved..." (agapetoi) = loved ones

• Agape = God's sacrificial love, the love of the cross

# I. Be Diligent (2 Peter 3:14)

How can we be faithful to this mindset? "...be diligent..."

• **Diligent** (*spoudazo*) = be eager, zealous; to show keen interest, intense desire, or impatient expectancy.



# **Be Diligent** (2 Peter 3:14)

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.... Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be tearful 

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." (John 14:1, 27; 16:33)







# **II. Be Doctrinal** (2 Peter 3:15-16)

doctrine and right teaching.

desire to save His people.

- Respond biblically, according to the truth, according to sound
- Reject the lies and deceptions of the false teachers and ground yourselves in the truth that God's delay in coming is His patient

# II. Be Doctrinal (2 Peter 3:15-16)

The twin themes of being diligent in godly living for the attainment of our heavenly reward and being grounded in the doctrinal truth of God's patience giving opportunity for salvation, themes which are demanding so much of Peter's concern, are also taught by the apostle Paul.

## **II. Be Doctrinal** (2 Peter 3:15-16)

"Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God." (Colossians 1:25)

Galatians 2:7-9



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