



# 2 Peter: Established in the Truth



# Live Like Jesus Is Coming Again

2 Peter 3:14-16

An Exposition through 2 Peter: Established in the Truth

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 God.
- Only believers can and must care about living for God **now** in light of the end.

Remember what Peter emphasizes in the previous context:

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

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

Jesus is coming again, so...

## 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.

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*“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 fearful....*

*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)

Respond **biblically**, according to the **truth**, according to **sound** doctrine and **right** teaching.

Reject the lies and deceptions of the false teachers and ground yourselves in the truth that God's delay in coming is His **patient desire to save** His people.



## **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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