

Until Then (Part 2)

2 Peter 3:13-18

*I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.
And when you have turned again, strengthen your
brothers. (Luke 22:32)*

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2. Live a peaceful life – *at peace.*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil.4:6-7, NIV)

B. The effort required to develop Christian character:

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For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Phil.2:13)

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And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. (vv.15-16a).

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

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*Do you presume on the riches of his kindness
and forbearance and patience, not knowing that
God's kindness is meant to lead you to
repentance? (Romans 2:4)*

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*For those whom he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son
(Romans 8:29).*

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. (Hebrews 3:12-14)