

## The Book of 2 Peter

### Chapter 3

#### “Where is the promise of His coming?”

An Atheist once complained to a friend who was a Christian that they did not have any special holidays like Christians had.

*“You have Christmas, and Easter, but we don’t have any recognized national holiday...”*

The Christian quickly responded, *“Oh yes you do, you have a national holiday...April 1<sup>st</sup>, which is April fools Day”*

#### Psalm 10:4

The fool has said in his heart there is no God”.

**We live in the days of that final generation that the Bible described as being full of “Scoffers” over the return of Jesus to the earth.**

“The Return of Jesus to the earth? *It’s never going to happen*”, **they say**. *“It’s been over 2,000 years since you said Jesus was going to return, and He has still not come back...Jesus is never going to return.”*

#### 2 Peter 3

1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which **I stir up** your pure minds by **way of reminder**),

2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

3 knowing this first: **that scoffers will come in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, **“Where is the promise of His coming?”** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”

**Peter says that the final days before Jesus returns for His Church, will be characterized by a time when people will scoff at the return of Jesus to the earth.**

- ☞ **If you do an internet search**, and “Google” the phrase “*The return of Jesus*”, you will see that there are **1, 420,000** pages that deal with that subject.
- ☞ **There are hundreds of thousands** of pages that claim that “*Jesus is not ever going to return to the earth.*”

**Even Christian web sites scoff at the fact that Jesus is going to return for His church, claiming that Jesus or the Bible never claimed that He would return.**

One web site: [www.mostmerciful.com](http://www.mostmerciful.com) has as a heading to its site:

### **The Three Major Hoaxes**

- ☞ "ARMAGEDDON"
- ☞ "COMING OF JESUS AS A THIEF"
- ☞ "IMMINENT IS THE GREAT BATTLE"

Then they direct you to Revelation Chapter 16 that describes Jesus coming as "**A Thief**"

- ☞ **The author of this web site** goes on to say that Verse 15 "*Was not in the original manuscripts*" of Chapter 16 of the Book of Revelation.

Now there is a lot of discussion on whether or not this is true, and whether or not is was a commentary inserted here between verses 14 and 16.

### **Revelation 16:14-16**

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 "Behold, **I am coming as a thief**. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

- ☞ **The point is this:**, even if verse 15 had been "*inserted*" by one of the translators and was not in the original manuscript, **there are many other places in the Bible where the exact phrase was used in describing the return of Jesus to the earth.**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:2**

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as **a thief in the night**.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:4**

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you **as a thief**.

### **2 Peter 3:10**

But the day of the Lord will come **as a thief in the night**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

### **Revelation 3:3 In Jesus own Words**

Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, **I will come upon you as a thief**, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

So, even by inserting this phrase here in verse 15, it doesn't change the fact that Jesus is going to return, and to much of the world, this event will be like what happens when a thief breaks into your house, he comes at an hour when you didn't expect him...

- ⊕ **In these web sites and publications** where they “*Scoff*” at the return of Jesus, you will often find that they will take something like verse 15 here in the Book of Revelation, and **try to use that as proof that Jesus is not going to return.**
- ⊕ **Their arguments** are always very weak, and do not hold up to close scrutiny.

**Another web site that scoffs at the Return of Jesus, is based on the Liberal Theology and teachings of a group called: “*The Jesus Seminar*”.**

- ⊕ **Beginning in the early 90's** this group of supposed scholars set out to determine exactly which of the words in the 4 gospels Jesus actually said and words were made up by the disciples.
- ⊕ **Their entire study** was to bring into question **whether the Bible was the Word of God and could be counted as trustworthy.**
- ⊕ **Their conclusions** were that “*About 80 percent of what is written in the Gospels, Jesus never actually said.*”

**Some of their conclusions were:**

1. Jesus never predicted His own death.
2. On the Cross, Jesus did not say “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”
3. 97 percent of the supposed scholars of the Jesus seminar said that Jesus never had a trial that condemned him to death on the Cross.

**“The Jewish role in these events is a figment of Christian imagination,” wrote Dr. Funk in *The Fourth R*, a publication of the seminar’s Westar Institute.**

4. In all 4 of the Gospels, there are events recorded of what Jesus said and did after he rose from the dead. **The Jesus seminar scholars say that they reject any after death words of Jesus.**
5. All of the conversations that are recorded where no one was present when Jesus said them, were rejected Jesus prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane, Things Jesus said to satan in the wilderness, **they say are fictional.**
6. Jesus statement in Matthew 16:18, “*I will build my Church...*” they say, Jesus never said because Jesus had no intention of starting a new religion

**Dr. Funk says, stating the seminar’s majority position.** “*Jesus had no idea that a new religion would transpire or that he would become a cult figure in it.*” **In Dr. Funk’s view,** “*Jesus “would have been appalled by it.”*”

7. In John 6:48, 8:12 and 11:25, Jesus refers to Himself as “**I AM**”, *I am the bread of life, I an the Light of the world, I am the resurrection and the life...*”

*Before Abraham was I AM*”, The Jesus seminar Scholars say that Jesus never thought of Himself as being The great I AM, the preexistent God of eternity.

**Marcus Borg, a critical scholar and seminar member said:** “*In the judgment of the seminar (and of most mainstream scholarship since the last century),*” **he writes,** “*Jesus did not speak that way.*” **Dr. Funk says** “*The seminar scholars almost unanimously feel that Jesus “didn’t think of himself as divine.”*”

8. Matthew 24 Luke 21 refer to the fact that Jesus would return to set up a kingdom that would never end. Most of the Jesus seminar scholars did not believe that Jesus expected to return to the earth.

“*The Jesus Seminar thinks he didn’t speak of the coming of the Son of Man at all,*” **said Dr. Borg.** “*Almost all the Fellows (97 percent) believe Jesus did not expect to return or usher in a new age “either now or in the distant future,”*” **says Dr. Funk.**

9. The Writers of the 4 Gospels said that Jesus fulfilled all of the Old Testament Prophecies about the Messiah. The Jesus seminar scholars reject the fact that Jesus ever fulfilled any of the Old Testament Scriptures.

**Dr. Funk says,** “*The Christian community culled the Hebrew Scriptures for proof that Jesus was truly the Messiah.*” *The Gospel writers, especially Matthew, made “the event fit the prophecy.*”

### **From www.religioustolerance.org**

Of course, every single one of their finding are absolutely unfounded and absolutely a lie. The problem with all of their findings, is that they all started with false assumptions.

- ☞ **Scholar Robert Funk** does not believe that any miracle is possible.
- ☞ **When you start with the assumption** that miracles are impossible, when you cannot believe that any miracle is possible, there is no way that you could believe in any of the things that Jesus did that claim to be supernatural.
- ☞ **If you don’t believe anything supernatural is possible,** then You will then prejudice all your opinions of what Jesus did, based on this assumption miracles are impossible

On the other hand, the founder of Harvard Law school **Dr. Simon Greenleaf**, was an atheist when he was challenged by one of his College students to “Try and disprove the resurrection of Jesus Christ, based on the historical evidence”.

- ☞ **Dr. Greenleaf made an extensive internal investigation** of the 4 Gospels and concluded that They were the most historically accurate documents on the planet.
- ☞ **Dr. Greenleaf concluded** That the very words in the 4 gospels were the actual eyewitness accounts of the men who were actually there.

- ⊞ **As a result of Dr. Greenleafs investigation** of the same 4 Gospels the “Jesus Seminar scholars looked at, Dr. Greenleaf wrote: “A Treatise on the law of evidence”, that is the basis for how ALL EVIDENCE IN A COURT OF LAW IS DETERMINED TO BE TRUE OR WHETHER IT IS NOT RELIABLE.

*“Let the Gospel’s testimony be sifted, as it were given in a court of justice on the side of the adverse party, the witness being subjected to a rigorous cross-examination. The result, it is confidently believed, will be an undoubting conviction of their integrity, ability, and truth.”*

- ⊞ **The men that saw the miracles** that Jesus performed, and then recorded in the 4 gospels were given the chance to change their account of what Jesus did, but chose rather to die rather than change what they had seen with their own eyes.

**But, you and I need to know the difference between fact and fiction in these last days, as the resurrection of Jesus, and His promise to return come under fire.**

Peter continues:

### **2 Peter chapter 3**

5 **For this they willfully forget**: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

7 But the heavens and **the earth which are now preserved by the same word**, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

**There is a very key phrase here that we don’t want to miss:**

- ⊞ *“Willfully Forget.”*
- ⊞ **From the Greek word**: “*Thelo*”; “Determined, a choice, knowing the difference.”
- ⊞ **The idea here is that** those who say that Jesus is not going to return, “Selectively” forget, are determined to forget, that God has judged and destroyed the entire world before.

**Verse 6, by Noah’s flood, the last method of judgment.**

- ⊞ **Now, if you ask many of the scientists today** about a great “*Global Catastrophic Flood*”, they will tell you that this view is preposterous.
- ⊞ **There is a huge problem though** with the scientific view that says there was no global flood: The evidence that is in the earth, contradicts the view that the flood did not happen.
- ⊞ **All of the evidence** that is on the earth clearly proves there was a global catastrophic flood.
  1. **The top 3,000 feet** of Mt. Everest (26,000-29,000 feet) is made up of sedimentary rock. **Sedimentary rock is only found in places that had been**

**covered with water.** These sedimentary rocks are packed with seashells and other ocean-dwelling animals.

2. **Sedimentary rock** is found all over the world. More than 85% of the worlds surface is covered with sedimentary rock, again Sedimentary rock is formed by being covered with water..
3. **As Ken Ham loves to put it:** *“If Noah’s flood really happened, you would expect to find billions of dead things buried in rock layers, laid down by water all over the earth. Now what do we find? Actually, we find billions of dead things buried in rock layers, laid down by water all over the earth”.*

**The greatest evidence for the Global Catastrophic Flood of Noah, is the Earths fossil record.**

- ☞ **The entire earth is exactly** as Ken Ham described it: Billions of Dead things buried under sedimentary rock, all over the earth.
- ☞ **The reason that today’s scientists** will not accept the evidence of the flood that is as plain as the nose on your face, is that if they accept the evidence of the flood in the fossil record, then that means that the Bible is true, they are accountable to God for their sins, they cannot just live any way they like with no accountability to their creator.

So, Peter says here in chapter 3, that a sign that we are the final generation that will be alive when Jesus comes, is that in those last days, people will scoff at the return of Jesus to the earth, and also claim that the flood of Noah is a hoax.

- ☞ **Peter believed in the flood** of Noah, because he wrote of it here in chapter 3.
- ☞ **Jesus also** said that the flood of Noah happened.

### **Matthew 24:37-38 Jesus Speaking:**

37 But as **the days of Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 For as **in the days before the flood**, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark

- ☞ **If you believe that Jesus is Lord** and Savior, then you should have no problem with the Flood of Noah, Jonah and the whale, or the crossing of the Red sea by Israel, because Jesus spoke about all these events as though they actually happened.
- ☞ **Another thing** that the scoffers use to try and prove Jesus will not come again, is that it has been over 2,000 years since Jesus made this promise to return. The Scoffers say that *“Too much time has gone by, therefore the promise is not true.”*

### **2 Peter 3**

8 But, beloved, **do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

How long has it been since Jesus died and rose from the dead, then promised to return for us?, Not long, just 2 days, in Gods time keeping.

- ☞ **You see, in eternity**, there is no such thing as 2,000 years.
- ☞ **In eternity**, in theory, every event happens at a single moment.
- ☞ **We measure time**, one event at a time, in eternity, every event happens at the same moment.
- ☞ **That is why** God told Moses “I AM”, **I just exist**.
- ☞ **In theory**, your great, Great Grandmother that died 100 years ago and went to be with the Lord, would arrive in heaven at the same moment that you would, if you were to die today.

**So, we should not try to see time and the passing of a lot of time by earth standards, as the measurement for whether it has been too long since Jesus promised to return.**

- ☞ **With the Lord**, 1,000 years is like a day, and a day is like 1,000 years.
- ☞ **How long has it been** since Jesus promised to return? Just about 2 days to the Lord!

**There is an interesting statement by the Old Testament Prophet Hosea.**

### **Hosea 6:2**

After **two days** He will revive us; On **the third day** He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

- ☞ **Was Hosea speaking** of the 2 thousand years that the Lord says are like 2 days?
- ☞ **Was the Lord saying** that after the 2 thousand years we have been waiting for Him to return that He would come for us, and at the beginning of the 3,000<sup>th</sup> year, the Lord would gather us to Himself at the Rapture?
- ☞ **I don't know**, but it is certainly interesting...

**Yesterday, in my own private time with the Lord, I saw something in the Bible that I have not seen before:**

### **Matthew 26:2**

Jesus said: “You know that **after two days** is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.

Was Jesus statement about “**Two days**” also a hint like Hosea’s? “**After 2 days He will revive us...**”

- ☞ **What I find absolutely astounding** is that the verses leading up to Jesus statement here in regards to “After two days the Son of Man will be crucified”, is that the entire 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew is about Jesus second coming to the earth!

### Matthew 25:1

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to **ten virgins** who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom (A reference to the return of Jesus)

### Matthew 25:14

“For the kingdom of heaven is like **a man traveling to a far country**, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. (A reference to Jesus departing the earth after his crucifixion, and returning to earth later)

### Matthew 25:19

**After a long time** the lord of those servants **came** and settled accounts with them.

I believe that it is very possible that Jesus was giving us a hint to point us to Hosea’s prophecy “*After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight*”

- ⌘ **On the third day**, He will raise us up.
- ⌘ **Is the beginning of that third day**, the day the rapture occurs, at the end of the 2,000 years since Jesus promised to come for us.
- ⌘ “*On the third day He will raise us up, THAT WE MAY LIVE IN HIS SIGHT!*”
- ⌘ **If that is true**, then it is further proof that Jesus is about to return for us, since we have just crossed the 2,000 years since Jesus left earth.

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9 The Lord is **not slack concerning His promise**, as some count slackness, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

10 But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

If you have wondered “Why has Jesus taken so long to keep His promise and return for us.

- ⌘ **Verse 9 here says** that it is because He is “*Longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*”
- ⌘ **But, verse 10:** “...the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.”

Throughout the Old Testament, many Bible skeptics and Critics say that there is a “**Different God**” in the Old Testament from the God of the New Testament.

- ⌘ **The God of the Old Testament** is very impatient, vengeful and full of wrath.
- ⌘ **The God of the New Testament** is a very patient, longsuffering, kind and gentle God.

### Malachi 3:6

“For I am the LORD, I do not change

### Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

### Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie. He is not a human, that he should change his mind.

**The truth is that if you make a careful study of the Bible, you will see that God is exactly the same in the Old Testament as He is in the New Testament.**

- ☞ **Many critic of the Bible** and of God, have railed against the Lord for the “Total destruction of the Amalekite people, women, children and animals, as ordered by the Lord.

### 1 Samuel 15:3

Now go and **completely destroy the entire Amalekite nation**—men, women, children, babies, cattle, sheep, camels, and donkeys.’

**They have claimed that God is mean, hateful and vengeful in the Old Testament.**

- ☞ **The reality is that for 400 years** the Lord sought to reason with the Amalekites to turn from their perverted lifestyles, to Him for salvation.

### Genesis 15:16

After four hundred years your descendants will return here to this land, when the sin of the Amorites has been complete.

- ☞ **The Amalekites** were a part of a people who were the most debase, lude and perverted people that have ever lived on the earth.

They sacrificed their babies to their god “Molech”



- ☞ **Molech was a god** made from cast iron that was hollow inside.
- ☞ **They superheated Molech** with fire, so hot that flames shot out from that his outstretched arms were they placed their new born babies into his arms as sacrifices.
- ☞ **There were numerous** other things that the Amalekites did also, that cause the Lord to destroy them **after giving them 400 years to repent:**

1. **Incest** (Lev. 18:3-18, 24; 20:11-23)
2. **Adultery** (Lev. 18:20, 24-29; 20:10)

3. **Offering human sacrifices** (Lev. 18:21, 24-29; 20:1-6, 23)
4. **Homosexuality** (Lev. 18:22-29; 20:13)
5. **Bestiality** (Lev. 18:23-29; 20:15-16) [Sexual relationships with animals](#)
6. **Witchcraft** (Lev. 20:6, 23-27; Dt. 18:9-12) **“PHARMAKIA, Drug Use”**
7. **Idolatry** (Ex. 23:24; Dt. 7:4, 16, 25; 12:2-3, 29-31)

### **R.A. Torrey**

"It is appalling that any people should be utterly put to the sword, but it is even more appalling that a society of people should have become so corrupt and debased that such treatment is deemed necessary in the interest of humanity. The Canaanites were a moral cancer threatening the very life of the whole human race. The cancer had to be removed in order to save the body, just as a surgeon inflicts pain and suffering in order to remove a malignant growth in the body (*Difficulties in the Bible*. R.A. Torrey, p. 47).

So in the Old Testament, we also consistently see the Lord being very **“Patient and Longsuffering”** with even the Pagan nations, before he brings judgment.

- ⊕ **It is interesting** that during the time that **Noah was building the Ark**, for more than 100 years, as the Lord warned the people of the earth that His judgment was about to come and they continually laughed at Noah and the claim of judgment.
- ⊕ **There was a son of Noah called “Methuselah”**, who lived 969 years, the oldest recorded living being in the Bible.
- ⊕ **Methuselah’s name means:** *“When He dies, the judgment comes”*.
- ⊕ **Because Methuselah lived during** the construction of the Ark of Noah, literally the Lord was saying that *“When Methuselah dies, the Flood will begin”*.
- ⊕ **It is fitting then** that because the Lord is very patient and longsuffering, that **Methuselah was a picture of Gods longsuffering.**
- ⊕ **The judgment of the flood** could not come until Methuselah died , so He lived longer than any one else had ever lived.
- ⊕ **In Methuselah’s long life, God was saying** “I don’t want to bring judgment, I don’t take any pleasure in destroying people, so I will wait as long as possible.

### **[Ezekiel 33:11](#)**

Say to them: “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, **‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked**, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die

### **[2 Peter 3](#)**

11 Therefore, **since all these things will be dissolved**, what manner of persons ought you to be **in holy conduct** and godliness,

12 **looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

One of the amazing things that the Bible reveals is that the universe was “*Made from things that are invisible*”

### Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that **the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible**.

**The Book of Hebrews that says that the Material Universe was made from materials that we cannot see, was written almost 2,000 years ago.**

- ☞ **The Invisible Atom**, that material that the entire universe is made of was not discovered until J. J. Thompson discovered the **electron** in 1897.
- ☞ **So, how did Paul know** that the Universe was made from the invisible atom 1900 years before man discovered the atom? The Bible is the Word of God.

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What is the mechanism that Peter is writing about here in chapter 3, whereby the entire Universe could be “*Dissolved, melting with a fervent heat?*”

### Colossians 1:16-17

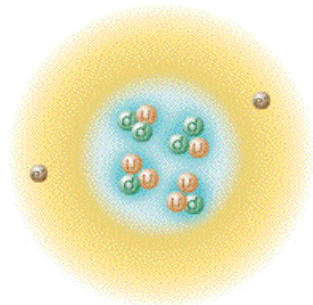
16 Christ is the one through whom God created everything in heaven and earth.....

17 He existed before everything else began, and **he holds all creation together**

**What is the Mechanism that Jesus uses to “*Hold all creation together?*”**

**Everything in the universe is made up of the same material: Atoms.**

- ☞ **Each atom** is made up of 3 parts



1. Protons,
2. Neutrons and
3. Electrons.

- ☞ **The center of the Atom** is the Neutron, also called the “**Nucleus**”

- ☞ **The Protons an Electrons circle** the Nucleus of the atom like our earth circles the sun.

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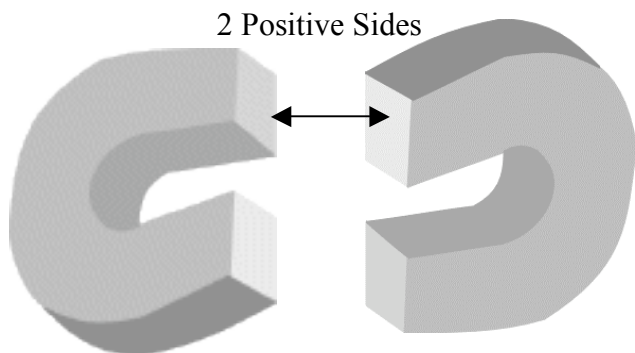
**Just to give you an idea how small these Atoms are:**

- ☞ **There are enough Atoms** on just the head of a ball point pen that an army of men marching 4 across, each man carrying 1 atom would take 20,000 years to march past you.
- ☞ **It takes 25 trillion** Protons, one of the smallest parts of an Atom, to equal just 1 inch.

These Protons and Electrons that circle the center of the Atom are both “**Positively Charged**”

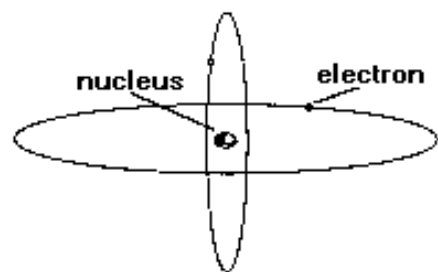
For example, If we were to take 2 magnets and put the Positive and the Negative sides together, the Magnet would stick together.

- ☞ **But if we tried** to hold the two Positive sides together, they would “Repel” each other.



The same thing happens within every single atom that is in the Universe.

- ☞ **The Nucleus and the Electrons** in every atom of the universe are both “**Positively Charged**” so that they also are repelling each other.



In essence, what every single atom in the Universe wants to do, is “**Fly Apart**” as far from each other as they possible can.

- ☞ **Scientists know** that there is some “**Mysterious power**” that holds all of the atoms of the Universe together.
- ☞ **This morning**, We know what that Mysterious power is:

### Colossians 1:16-17

16 **Jesus is the one** through whom God created everything in heaven and earth.....

17 He existed before everything else began, and **Jesus holds all creation together**

So what would be the mechanism that Peter is speaking of this morning here in 2 Peter chapter 3 where the whole universe will be “**Dissolved, melting with a fervent heat?**”

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11 Therefore, **since all these things will be dissolved**,

Jesus has His hands on every Atom in the Universe, Keeping them from “Flying Apart”.

But someday, this one that the Book of Hebrews so vividly describes for us this morning, will **SIMPLY TAKE HIS HANDS OFF THE ATOMS AND THEY WILL MELT WITH A FERVENT HEAT!**

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11 Therefore, **since all these things will be dissolved**, what manner of persons ought you to be **in holy conduct** and godliness,

12 **looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

So, since we know from Gods Word that everything that exists, including all of the “Stuff” that we are so worried about, is going to be “Burned Up with a fervent heat”, WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE SHOULD WE BE?

- ☞ **Should we be like the rest of the world** that is preoccupied with trying to accumulate as much stuff as we can?
- ☞ **Should we be so worried** about what we think we want or what we think we need?
- ☞ **Should we be so concerned** about trying to keep and preserve what we have?

When all this Stuff is going to be burned up in a fervent heat anyway?

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14 Therefore, beloved, **looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;**

No, we don't have to be worried and stressed about all the material stuff because it is not going to last anyway.

- ☞ **Jesus is about to come for us**, and when He calls our name and we rise up to meet Him in the air, we are not taking any of the stuff we have with us. We are going in our “**Birthday Suit**”.
- ☞ **Instead, verse 14 says:** Lets concentrate on “being found by Jesus living for Him, trying to purify our lives of all this junk.
- ☞ **To be found** “*Without Spot and Blameless*”
- ☞ A “**spot**” is an “*Acquired defect*”, something you pick up.

- ⊕ **Lets not pick up any more spots**, while we are waiting for Jesus. Lets purify ourselves of all the junk of the world, **we don't need it.**

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15 and consider that **the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation**—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

Lets consider that the reason that Jesus is taking so long to return, is not because He has forgotten about us, or doesn't care, He is waiting for **"Salvation"**.

- ⊕ **If Jesus had come for us back in 1975** when I first got saved and started praying for Him to return, what would have happened to many of you?
- ⊕ **You would have missed out** on knowing Jesus and being saved by Him.
- ⊕ **So, when we think** of Why Jesus has already taken 2,000 years, we know it is for the purpose of **giving those who don't know Jesus yet and how wonderful He is, More time.**

16 as also **in all Paul's epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand**, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

17 You therefore, beloved, **since you know this beforehand**, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

18 but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¶ To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.**

**Peter says that these things that Paul wrote about the Last days and the return of the Lord are sometimes hard to understand.**

- ⊕ **But today**, now that we know that Jesus is coming at any moment, and He is coming for those who love Him, those who are waiting and watching and living for Jesus, lets really live for Him.
- ⊕ **And lets not allow ourselves** to be deceived by all the other philosophies and opinions of men that tell us "Jesus is not ever going to come".
- ⊕ **But lets keep holding fast** to what we have been taught, and grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*"To Him Be the Glory both now and forever, Amen"*