

Growing in Christ
10. Responding to God's Word (2 Peter 3v14-16)

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Introduction

- how are we waiting?

Be ready for the coming of the Lord (v14-15a)

- future motivation

- present action

Hold fast to the word of the Lord (v15b-16)

- because of where it's from

- in spite of distortions

Conclusion

Bible references: 2 Pet. 1:5, 2:13, Rom. 5:1-2, 2 Pet. 3:9, 1:21, Rom. 3:8

2 Peter 3v11-18

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. ¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom that God gave him. ¹⁶ He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

¹⁷ Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever! Amen.