

EXHORTATIONS IN VIEW OF CHRIST'S RETURN
(2 Peter 3:14-16)

- I. Believers' RESPONSIBILITY in View of the FUTURE (2 Pet. 3:14-15a)
 - A. We must maintain PERSONAL PURITY (3:14)
 - 1. Motivated by our EXPECTATION of FUTURE GLORY
 - 2. Recognized as our URGENT DUTY
 - 3. Found AT PEACE in CHRIST
 - 4. Found SPOTLESS and BLAMELESS
 - a. Forbidding IMMITATING the FALSE teachers (cf. 2:13)
 - b. Instruction to IMMITATE CHRIST (cf. 1:9)
 - B. We must maintain a CORRECT view of Christ's DELAY (3:15a)
 - 1. Allows additional time for MORE to be SAVED
 - 2. Allows additional time for CHRISTIANS to MATURE
- II. CONFIRMATION from the Epistles of PAUL (2 Pet. 3:15b-16)
 - A. We must PROPERLY VALUE Paul's letters

1. Peter and Paul are TEACHING the SAME DOCTRINE
 2. Peter's and Paul's APOSTLESHIP was EQUAL
 3. Paul's letters were GOD-GIVEN WISDOM
 4. This includes what Paul "wrote TO YOU"
 5. It is true of ALL of Paul's LETTERS
- B. We must CORRECTLY UNDERSTAND Paul's teaching
1. In them he "speaks of THESE THINGS"
 - a. Christ's RETURN for REWARD and JUDGMENT
 - b. Christian salvation by GRACE
 2. Some of what he says is "HARD to UNDERSTAND"
 3. Some intentionally DISTORT Paul's teaching
 - a. They are "UNTAUGHT"
 - b. They are "UNSTABLE"
 4. They treat "the REST of the SCRIPTURES" the same way
 5. Mishandling Scripture brings "their own DESTRUCTION"