

SUNDAY P.M. November 20, 2016

SERMON: What you need to know about going to Heaven?

TEXT: 2 Peter 3:1-18

Introduction: Peter seeks to awaken his reader's "pure minds" to the dangers of phony teachers who claimed to be Christians. He also reminds them of a day that will destroy all of creation. Thus, growth in grace and knowledge of Jesus are indispensable!

1. Assurance of Jesus' return (3:1-9).

- a. God's Word is correct (3:1-4).
- b. God's Work is consistent (3:5-7).
- c. God's Will is compassionate (3:8-9).

2. Action of Jesus' return (3:10).

- a. HEAVENS: *"the heavens will pass away with a great noise"* (3:10a, 12b).
- b. ELEMENTS: *"the elements shall melt with fervent heat"* (3:10b, 12c).
- c. EARTH: *"the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up"* (3:10c).

3. Appeal in light of Jesus' return (3:11-18).

- a. Be diligent to live godly lives (3:11-14).
- b. Be diligent to win lost souls (3:15-16).
- c. Be diligent to grow spiritually (3:17-18).

Conclusion: We need a greater understanding of these great truths!

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