

# Hopeful Holiness

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2 Peter 3:11-18

BIG IDEA: Future gospel hope energizes present gospel holiness.

## 1. The logical conclusion when things race to a conclusion (11-13)

In Christ my future has a goal and my life has **purpose**

No future leads to indulgence, apathy, despair

How can we “*hasten the day of God?*”

**Prayer** (Matt. 6:10)

Repentance (Acts 3:19-21)

**Evangelism** (Matt. 24:14)

New heavens and new earth (Isa. 65:17; 66:22; Rev. 21:1)

The place where righteousness **lives**

## 2. “Wherefore, looking forward . . .” (14-16)

“*Make every effort*” hustle; **double** time (1:10)

Be “*spotless, blameless and at peace with Him*” (Rom. 5:1)

“X” which life do you want to have?

False teachers are “*spots and blemishes*” (2:13)

Jesus is “**without** spot or blemish” (1Pet. 1:19)

Beware of Scripture **twisting**

“Love God and love neighbor” is that all? (Matt 22:34-40)

## 3. A secure standing is **dynamic**, not static (17-18)

Be on guard against erroneous **influencers**

“*Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior*”

Give Christ **glory** (1 Cor. 10:31 and Col. 3:17)



## On Your Own (better with others)

1. READ 1 John 2:28 to 3:3. How does the promise of seeing Jesus someday motivate your holiness today?
2. READ 1 Peter 4:7-11. List the attitudes and actions that Peter says should mark believers in the last days.
3. What are you looking forward to about living in the new heavens and new earth “*the home of righteousness?*”
4. READ Rom. 3:21-24 and Gal. 3:16. How would you answer someone who believes keeping the Golden Rule is enough?