

## **WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE. . .**

2Pet 3:9-14

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Day coming when the earth will be burned up.
  - 1. Heavens will pass away with a great noise
  - 2. Elements melt with fervent heat
  - 3. Earth and the works therein be burned up
- B. Many kinds of people in this world, most concerned about the things of this world
- C. We know not when our Lord will come, therefore we need to prepare for eternity
- D. Peter writing to Christians to stir up their minds by way of remembrance

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. BE MINDFUL PERSONS 2Pet 3:2**

- A. Of Christ's coming 2Pet 3:4
  - 1. Son of man shall come in his glory Matt 25:31
  - 2. Come in like manner Acts 1:11
  - 3. Descend from heaven with a shout 1Thess 4:16
- B. No second chance Heb 9:27
  - 1. Man appointed to die
  - 2. After death the judgement
- C. Of judgements Rev 20:12 Acts 17:30,31
  - 1. Dead judged by books according to works
  - 2. Appointed a day which he will judge the world
- D. Will give account Rom 14:12; Eccl 12:14
  - 1. Everyone shall give account
  - 2. every work into judgement with every secret thing
- E. Of eternity Matt 25:46
  - 1. Eternal life Matt 25:34
  - 2. Eternal destruction Matt 25:41
  - 3. Must prepare to meet God in eternity Amos 4:12

#### **II. FAITHFUL PERSONS 2Pet 3:17; 1Cor 15:58**

- A. Faithful in assembling Heb 10:25
  - 1. People who like to worship will assemble
  - 2. We can tell those who enjoy worship by their faithfulness:
- B. Faithful in well doing Gal 6:9,10
- C. Faithful in Teaching Matt 28:19; 2Tim 2:24
  - 1. Apostles taught to teach
  - 2. Servant of the Lord to be apt to teach
  - 3. Commit to faithful they may be able to teach others also 2Tim 2:2
- D. Faithful unto death Rev 2:10

#### **III. BE HOLY PEOPLE (separate - set apart)**

- A. Jesus made Christians Holy Eph 5:25-27
  - 1. Christians make up the Church
  - 2. Sanctified and cleansed it
  - 3. By giving his life for it
- B. Present bodies holy Rom 12:1,2
  - 1. Present your bodies a living sacrifice
  - 2. Holy acceptable before God
  - 3. Be not conformed to this world but be transformed
- C. Conversation (manner of life) as becometh the Gospel of Christ
  - 1. Let Christ live in us Gal 2:20
  - 2. Stand fast in one spirit Phil 1:27

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. Simply be. a Christian (Christ like) Acts 11:26.
- B. We need to remember every minute that God is not slack concerning his promises.
- C. He gives us time to repent but one of these days, we don't know when, he is going to destroy this old world
- D. Realizing that everything as we know it will be destroyed ought to make us want to live closer to God