

# TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE CRESCENT

Tuesday 14th March 1989

Series: "The climax of the ages"

An in-depth study of 2nd Peter

Subject: "Until then"

2 Peter 3: 10-18

1. The certainty of the day of the Lord (v.10).
2. "Until then"; be diligent to live godly lives (v11-14).
  - (a) It should make a difference to your personal conduct (v11).
  - (b) It should make a difference to your witness. The same God who ordains the end also ordains the means to the end and we are part of that means. Notice the word "Hasting" (v.12).
  - (c) It should make a difference when we meet Jesus Christ (v13-14).
3. "Until then"; be diligent to win the lost (v15-16)
  - (a) The long-suffering of the Lord is salvation (v15)
  - (b) Avoid false teachers who wrest the Scriptures and argue over them to their own destruction (v16).
4. "Until then"; be diligent to grow spiritually (v17-18);
  - (a) You have the advantage of knowing things beforehand.
  - (b) You must not let false teachers lead you away from your own steadfastness.
  - (c) Peter knows what he is talking about because he was warned by Christ beforehand but fell.
  - (d) The best way not to be carried away is to grow. Growing is what this Epistle is all about; the resource of the Lord's grace and knowledge is available to us.

"For nine weeks I have sought, before God, to pour into your life three undeniable truths. There is an eternal kingdom. This world is temporary. All true progress here will have eternal consequences there. With all my heart I pray that the Lord will now use you to pour these truths into others".

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