

**Forewarned and Growing**  
**Series: While You Wait – 2 Peter Series**

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We have come to the final Words of Peter's Final Words. Lean in extra close to hear them well.

- We have discovered that through death, burial & resurrection & the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we have everything we need.
- Peter has exposed the tactics of the Devil & even pointed out some specific examples of it.
- Now, at the close, we come to Peter's greatest challenge!

"So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. <sup>15</sup> Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. <sup>16</sup> He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

2 Peter 3:14-18

**1. We Need to Catch the \_\_\_\_\_ between Waiting and Hoping.**

"But in keeping with his promise **we are looking forward** to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, **since you are looking forward** to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him." 2 Peter 3:13-14

**2. Peter Introduces a Key to Waiting Well: \_\_\_\_\_**

"So, my dear family, as you wait for these things, **be eager** to be found without spot or blemish before him, in peace." 2 Peter 3:14 (NTE)

**3. Stay Aware of Those Things That Will \_\_\_\_\_ Eagerness.**

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"But as for you, my dear family, be **on your guard**, since you have been **warned in advance**. That way you **won't be led astray** through the error of lawless people and **fall away from your own solid grounding**." 2 Peter 3:17 (NTE)

"For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, <sup>11</sup> and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:8-11

**Conclusion:**

"To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18b

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