



What does Peter mean when he says, "The end of <u>all things</u> is at hand..."?

They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 2 Peter 3:4–7 (ESV)

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 2 Peter 3:11 (ESV)

How do I prepare for the end of the world?

1. <u>Pray</u>

therefore be <u>self-controlled</u> and <u>sober-minded</u> for the sake of <u>your prayers</u>. 1 Peter 4:7 (ESV)

1. Pray Consistently

2. Pray Seriously

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. <u>The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working</u>. James 5:16 (ESV

<u>Be sober-minded</u>; be watchful. <u>Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.</u> 1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)

3. Exercise <u>self-control</u> or I won't have time for <u>prayer</u>.

2. <u>Love</u>

Above all, <u>keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a</u> <u>multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling</u>. 1 Peter 4:8–9 (ESV)

- 1. My love should be genuine.
- 2. Be hard to offend.

Hatred stirs up strife, but <u>love covers all offenses</u>. Proverbs 10:12 (ESV)

3. Love others with my home.

3. Serve

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies... 1 Peter 4:10–11 (ESV)

- 1. Everyone is gifted by God to serve others in the church.
- 2. I am gifted by God to serve others, not myself.
- 3. I am accountable for how I use my gifts.
- 4. The gift lists in the Bible are <u>representative</u>, not exhaustive.
- 5. I discover my gifts by sensing <u>needs</u> and feeling <u>joy</u>.
 - 1. Look for a place I sense <u>need</u>, then <u>get</u> involved.
 - 2. Look for a place I find joy, be refreshed.
- 6. Don't just attend church, serve others in church.
- 7. If I have a <u>speaking gift</u>, take <u>preparation</u> seriously.
- 8. If I have a <u>serving gift</u>, look for the <u>strength</u> God <u>promises</u> to supply



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