

The End Part 12

Key Scriptures

1 Peter 1:10-16

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. ¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Key Point: Part of understanding prophecy is that it motivates you to set your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ brings when He returns.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- When was the happiest time of your life?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What were the prophets investigating? What does this tell us about them and their character?
- Who knows more about the Messiah, the prophets or us? Is it better to know a few select things revealed directly by God (as the prophets did) or all of God's revealed plan in Scripture (as we do)?
- For what purpose did God reveal these things to the prophets?
- What does the end of verse 12 tell us about angels?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Who first shared the gospel with you? How did you respond?
- What is your spiritual intake like when it comes to God's word? When it comes to a well balanced diet of reading, hearing, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture, what are your strengths and weaknesses?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray that you would be thinking clearly to set your hope on the grace that Jesus will bring for you, and that you would be looking forward to His coming.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- When God says "you shall be holy, because I am holy" what are the first areas of your life that come to mind? What do you need to do?