The Days of Noah

LIVING IN THE DAYS OF NOAH

2 Peter 3:11-18 Jeff Schreve

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

How does God want us to live in a wicked and corrupt world?

- **1. God wants us to live <u>in awareness</u>.** But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 Timothy 3:1
 - A. There will be <u>vice</u> and <u>violence</u>.
 - B. There will be <u>apathy</u> and <u>apostasy</u>.
 - C. There will be <u>a growing hostility toward true Christians</u>.

2. God wants us to live in expectation.

Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness. Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God 2 Peter 3:11-12

- A. The imminent return changes your attitude.
- B. The imminent return changes your actions and reactions.
- C. The imminent return helps your witness.

4. God wants us to live in peace.

... be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless. 2 Peter 3:14

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you ... Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. John 14:27

4. God wants us to live in wisdom and discernment.

... just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness ... 2 Peter 3:15-17

5. God wants you to live in ongoing spiritual growth.

... but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

A. Seek Him every day in prayer and Bible study.

B. Develop a soft, yielded, and obedient heart.

C. Be faithful to and active in a **<u>Bible-believing church</u>**.

Will you be found faithful when the Lord returns?