

Homecoming

1 Peter 4:1-11

Most Christians think little of Christ's return, or if they do think about the day they will see Christ, they associate it with the day of their death. This is a proper hope, but death is not a pleasant thing, and thus the expectation of seeing Christ is mixed with a certain fear of the dark veil. But it is not so with His Second Coming. It is all joy! And that singular joy is meant to be a boon to our souls.

-Kent Hughes

I. **The End of Sin**

II. The End of All Things

Into the Bible

Our obedience has a purpose behind it like Christ's. When we choose to live differently than those in the world around us, why do they feel compelled to mock us and speak ill of us? (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Matthew 25:32-33, Matthew 13:30)

As Christians, we know that the end of all things brings judgment on “the living and the dead” but that is only half the story. Why should we pray eagerly for the end of the world? (2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:4-5, Isaiah 65:17)

Application

What is the role of a steward? In 1 Peter 4:10 what are we to steward? How do we do this before a watching world?
(1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:17, 23-24)

For Families

Talk with your children about how God will in His time make everything sad come untrue. (props to J.R.R. Tolkien)