

### True Believers Love Life – Part 3

#### Introduction and Review

- **Personal eschatology** is the study of last things that affects true believers, false believers & unbelievers.
- Only true believers can truly love life & have good days in this present life & throughout all eternity.
- Only true believers have peace with God which begins when a sinner is born again (1Pe. 1:3; Jn. 3:3; Rom. 5:1).
- Only true believers can have peace with other believers (1Jn. 4:7-8, 20-21).
- Peace with other believers has many facets or aspects: unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, humble mind & forgiveness (1Pe. 3:8-9).
- Peace is essential for unity & Christ is the basis of it (Eph. 4:1-3; 2:14-18).

#### I. Seeking and Pursuing Peace (v. 11b)

##### A. Peace with God

***COVERED IN REVIEW LAST WEEK.***

##### B. Peace with other believers

***COVERED IN REVIEW ABOVE.***

***Believers have peace with God & with each other because we have a right relationship with Jesus – OUR PERSONAL ESCHATOLOGY.***

#### II. Turning Away From Evil (v. 11a)

##### A. Evil deeds

*Revenge & retaliation must not dominate the thinking of one who has been born again (1Pe. 3:9; Rom. 12:17a, 19). The believer must make love for God & His reputation priority when suffering unjustly (1Pe. 2:19-21). The believer must find joy & patience through prayer while suffering (Rom. 12:12). The believer must learn to bless & do good to those who bring suffering (1Pe. 3:9; Rom. 12:14). The believer must control his/her words & attitude (1Pe. 3:10; 2:1; Eph. 4:29-32).*

##### B. Evil people

*True believers must be very discerning about fellowship & long-term relationships. True believers must avoid false believers that bring shame to the name of Christ (2Tim. 3:1-5). True believers must avoid troublemakers that cause ungodly division & strife in the body of Christ (Rom. 16:17). True believers must avoid wicked people attempting to entrap them in wickedness (1Co. 6:18; Tit.3:9-11; 1Th. 5:22).*

***Believers willingly turn away from evil deeds & evil people because we have a right relationship with Jesus – OUR PERSONAL ESCHATOLOGY.***