

True Believers Love Life – Part 4

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 (1Pe. 3:10).
- Only true believers seek and pursue peace while turning away from evil (1Pe. 3:11)
- Only true believers have peace with God & with other believers (Rom. 5:1; 1Jn. 4:7-8, 20-21; 1Pe. 3:8-9).
- Only true believers turn away from evil deeds: revenge, retaliation & unforgiveness (1Pe. 3:9; Rom. 12:12-19).
- Only true believers turn away from evil people: false believers, troublemakers & wicked people (2Tim. 3:1-5; Rom. 16:17; Tit. 3:9-11).

I. God is For the Righteous (v. 12a-b)

A. God's eyes are open on believers

*All believers can love life & have good days because God **knows** every detail in every believer's life (Ps. 139:1-6; Pr. 15:3; 1Jn. 3:20). God is also actively involved in the circumstances of every believer's life for good (Rom 8:28-39).*

B. God's ears are open to believers

*All believers can love life & have good days because God will **hear** our prayers (1Jn. 5:14; Rom. 8:26-27). God is omnipotent & will answer our prayers (1Jn. 5:15; Mt. 7:7-11).*

Believers have special care from God & open access to God in prayer – OUR PERSONAL ESCHATOLOGY.

II. God is Opposed to Evildoers (v. 12c)

A. Judgment in this life

Unrepentant & rebellious sinners are enemies or adversaries of God (1Pe. 5:5c; Jas. 4:4). They will never have peace with God (Rom. 5:1; 2:5). They will never experience the grace of Jesus, love of God or fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2Co. 12:14). They will die in their sins (Jn. 8:21).

B. Judgment in eternity

Unbelievers who die in their sin will be eternally separated from the good presence of God – terrified (Mt. 25:41). They will eternally exist in awful misery & agony with no hope of change (Mt. 13:41-42; Rev. 20:14-15; 21:8).

Unrepentant sinners will be deprived of God's best both in this present life & throughout all eternity – THEIR PERSONAL ESCHATOLOGY.