

Series: Add To Your Faith

# ALL THESE THINGS

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Introduction:

As we consider these verses one thing is obvious – it is folly to invest all here on earth.

Remember everything tied to time is temporary.

## **2 Corinthians 4:18**

<sup>18</sup> *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

The Lord gave good advice for investing.

## **Matthew 6:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> *Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:* <sup>20</sup> *But lay up for yourselves*

*treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:*

Notice as we consider these words “All These Things.”

## **1. THE DECEPTION OF POSSESSIONS (VS. 10)**

### **2 Peter 3:10**

<sup>10</sup> *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

The Love of Earthly Possessions Have Deceived Many

- They sent Lot to Sodom (Gen. 13)
- They cost the rich young ruler his soul (Luke 18:18-25)
- They cost the foolish rich man eternity in Hell (Luke 12:16-21)

Peter Urges Us To Look Ahead to the Coming of the Lord.

The questions we should consider is; “What Will Our Possessions Be Worth When Christ Returns?”

Notice not only the deception of possessions but also:

## **2. THE DISSOLVING OF POSSESSIONS (VS. 10-11)**

### **2 Peter 3:10-11**

*<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

Note this frightening scene:

The heaves shall pass away with a great noise.

The elements shall melt with fervent heat.

The earth and its works will be burned up.

Because of this we are encouraged to consider a question.

What manner of persons ought ye to be?

This is a call and an encouragement to live holy, and follow the example of the Lord.

How has the prospect of what lies ahead affected your life?

What is it that we value the most?

Notice not only the deception of possessions and the dissolving of possessions but also:

### 3. The Dividing of Possessions (vs. 12)

#### **2 Peter 3:12**

*<sup>12</sup> Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

When the Lord returns, or when we cease to exist, we will leave all behind.

That's why the Lord encouraged us to:

#### **Matthew 6:20**

*<sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:*

Close:

Has your life been centered on temporary things or trinkets.

Are you will to living a Christ centered life?

Are we willing to live the rest of our days with eternity in view?