

great work...understanding that we can work as representative of God, not that we can actually do the work....we are vessels at best through whom His Spirit works. But if we forget what He is doing, it becomes easy to forget what we should be doing or to simply rest on our oars and assumed we have done enough.

C. Remember what God wants us to be vv11-12

Peter almost says it in an expectant manner as he notes what sort of persons we ought to be in light of God's redemptive work. The character of our living is to be marked by holiness, expectation of the Lord's return and the execution of the will of God. It is amazing how we can foster expectations of others and be condemnatory if they do not meet them while at the same time pay so little attention to the expectations of God.

- III. Conclusion: The great theme is to stay alert to the work of God and in being alert to be an active participant. The great danger is that we will simply be gripped by complacency and live with little or no sense of the will and direction of God.

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MESSAGE # 5: LET US NOT FAIL IN OUR PURPOSE BUT CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE LORD

Biblical Passage: 2 Peter 3:13-18

I. Introduction to the Study:

It is, of course, a test in every age that the believers do not fail in their purpose. Primarily that is their joy in glorifying the Lord and this is achieved by obedience and worship. There are many things that easily entangle us, however, and they are not all bad things except it they keep us from the goal they are not in our best interest. To succeed in our purpose the most needful thing is to continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord and His grace. Peter uses this theme to dominate the content of these last verses in the book. The process begins with the new birth and continues with our fellowship and fuller knowledge of the Lord and His work. There are many