

Near the End, "How Should We Then Live"*

**From the title of Christian philosopher, Francis Shaeffer's book, How Should We Then Live*

2 Peter 3

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

1. Casual disregard for the truth and guidance of Holy Scripture, and the subsequent dark depravity that becomes its substitute. See Rom. 1:18-32

- a. Twisting God's truth.
- b. Rejecting the knowledge that God is God.
- c. Inserting self in vanity as God.
- d. Replaced God for gods of their own invention, defined by their own terms.
- e. No more conscience permits rampant and deviant, perverse lusts.
- f. Rejecting what is natural for what is new, permissive definitions of nature.
- g. (See the depravity list in Rom. 1:28-32)

2. Intense scoffing of Christians and their beliefs. 2 Pet.3:3

3. Forgetting the warning of past judgments of God.

4. Fearless ignorance of the scourging of the Earth by fire, and judgment of sinners.

5. Christians must be lookouts for Christ's coming, and warn one another, and others.

6. Christians should be at peace, sinless, and blameless before God near the end.

7. Christians must be on guard and diligent not to be led astray.