

More on the Return of Jesus

(2 Peter 3:1-18)

- Introduction:
1. This morning, we examined seven things that would take place at the return of Jesus.
 2. In doing so, we jumped around to several passages.
 3. This evening, I want to spend a little more time on this topic of great importance, but from one text.
 4. The reason this is important is because, as we said this morning, when we have no faith in the future, we will have no works in the present.
 5. So, let's examine what Peter told Christians who were facing what we face today.

I. The Certainty of the Jesus' Return

- A. (2 Peter 3:1-8).
- B. Scoffers were making life difficult for early believers by asking, "Where is the promise of his coming (3:3-4)."
- C. They argued that nothing like this had ever happened before.
- D. But this is where they were willingly ignorant of the events of the past, namely, the flood (3:5-7).
- E. Time does not matter to God (3:8).

II. The Reason Jesus Hasn't Returned

- A. (2 Peter 3:9).
- B. God is longsuffering and does not want anyone to perish.
- C. Thus, he has graciously allowed time for people to come to repentance.

III. The Events Surrounding Jesus' Return

- A. (2 Peter 3:10).
- B. He will come as a thief in the night – no signs.
- C. The heavens will pass away with a great noise.
- D. The elements will melt with fervent heat.
- E. The earth and its works will be burned up.

IV. The Impact of Jesus' Return

- A. (2 Peter 3:11-18).
- B. We must take evaluation of our life (3:11).
- C. We should be living holy and godly lives (3:11).
- D. We should be looking for and hastening his coming (3:12-15).
- E. We need to beware (3:17-18).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, don't be found among the foolish scoffers.
 2. Rather, make your camp among those who are anxiously looking for the return of Jesus.