



*Why the Long Wait for  
Christ's Return?*

**2 Peter 3:1-13**

# I. The Lord's Promise Will be Fulfilled!

(v. 9)

A. *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise."*

*"all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."*

*For, with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (v.8b)*

B. Speculating about Christ's return is useless.

Matt. 24:36; *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."*

## II. The Lord's Patience Has Not Been Exhausted.

A. The Lord is long-suffering.

B. The Psalmist recognized God's patience in his day and thanks Him for it.

Psalm 103:8-10, *The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.*

*<sup>9</sup>He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.*

*<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.*



**C. Daily reminders of the long-suffering of God.**

His patience with out prayerlessness.

His patience with our lack of concern for souls.

His patience concerning our earthly mindedness.

His patience in spite of our inconsistencies in life.

**D. We ought to wait for Christ's return with confidence and expectation and not fear.**

***1 John 2:28, And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.***

# III. The Passion of the Lord for the Lost is His Delay.

- A. God in *“not willing that any should perish.”*
- B. Every day until the Rapture is a call to repentance
- C. While time remains, it is time to come to Christ.

*He will Come!*

*as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with  
a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat.*

(2 Peter 3:10)