



The Second Coming of Christ

Part Two - "The Patience Needed Before the Second Coming" 2 Peter 3:8-9

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

The Promise of the Second Coming

1. God is still God and firmly in control, we have the promises from the past (The word), something to know about the present (creation/flood) and something to count on in the future (judgment)
2. "Where is the promise of His coming?" Jesus will return, justice will be served and just wait, in time, 'all things will be made right.'
3. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal." – Thomas Moore

Three Questions for Everyone:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

TODAY'S STUDY SECTION

The Patience Needed before the Second Coming

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 2 Peter 3:8–9, NASB95 -⁸ *But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a [what may seem like a long time] a thousand years [is short] like one day.* ["Eternity is not just 'extended time', rather, it is existence above and apart from time...God works in time, but He is not limited by time." – Dr. Warren Wiersbe] ⁹ *The Lord is not slow [means "delayed" or "late" and implies the idea of "loitering"] about His promise [about His return], as some count slowness, but is patient [is a compound word combining "large" with "great anger"—it shows God's vast capacity for storing up significant anger and wrath before it spills over in judgment] toward you, not wishing for any to perish [lit., to be utterly destroyed] but for all to come to repentance. [a military word to describe a soldier marching in a certain direction who is given orders to turn around and begin marching in the opposite direction (i.e., "to the rear march").* ¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord [signifies the "Extraordinary, miraculous intervention of God in human history for the purpose of judgment, culminating in His final judgment of the wicked on earth and the destruction of the present universe." – John MacArthur] will come...*

1. God's will for sinners is certain.

2 Peter 3:9, NLT -⁹ *The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.*

- God wants everybody saved.

2. God's word for saints is challenging.

2 Peter 3:9, The Living Bible -⁹ *He isn't really being slow about his promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way. But He is waiting, for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and He is giving more time for sinners to repent.*

- Don't leave anybody out.
- Our "struggles" continue so that others may be saved.

3. God's way of salvation is clear.

2 Peter 3:9, KJV 1900 -⁹ *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

- There is no salvation apart from repentance.

4. God's win over Satan will come.

2 Peter 3:10, NASB95 -¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come...*

- Time is short—Judgment (eternity) is near.