

Growing in Jesus > 2 Peter 3:14-18

3:14 *Pursue holiness.* God's people wait well for our Savior's return when we wait actively – using the time we have been given to pursue Jesus with our lives.

3:15-16a *Embrace God's plan.* Summarizing his earlier point, Peter points out that Jesus hasn't yet returned because God's plan calls for time so that many throughout the ages will be saved (including you and I!). We "wait" because God's plan is best and merciful and gracious.

3:16b-17 *Take care.* As we wait, we are to be on our guard against any sort of false teaching which would seek to twist God's Bible to mean something different than it actually says.

3:18 *Grow in Jesus.* Peter's benediction calls for us to continually follow Christ until he returns or calls us home. This is how we glorify him in our lives.

Background: As we come to the end of Peter's letter, he concludes by summarizing each of his main points.

The Point: God's people wait for Christ well when we seek to grow in him and help others prepare to meet him.

Head: Trust that waiting for Christ calls for a certain posture of patience and faith as we actively live in light of the gospel.

Heart: Believe that Peter's words point us to how to wait well for our Savior. We are to wait confidently and faithfully.

Hands: Who will you help this week to wait well for Jesus?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
