

What Are We Waiting For? > 2 Peter 3:8-13

3:8-10 *We wait for God's perfect timing.* What seems like a "delay" to us is actually intentionally planned by the Lord. Jesus has not yet come back because the Lord is giving the blessing of time to all who will trust in Christ. His timeline is not our own and that is actually great news!

3:11-13 *We use the time well as we wait.* Because God is in control of time, we have been given a gift with each day. We are called to use the time that we have as stewards, as those who pursue holiness and godliness in a way that honors Jesus and proclaims him to our neighbors so that they, too, would trust Christ and be ready for his return.

Background: Chapter 3 is all about remembering God's truths and promises. We need to understand that our own ideas must change in order to match God's reality.

The Point: Jesus *will* come back, and yet the plan has always been that he will wait to return until the proper time. That time isn't according to your plans or mine, but our Lord's.

Head: Hold firmly to what is true, not just to how things appear or the questions that people ask. Jesus *is* coming back, God's timeline *has not* changed or failed.

Heart: Will you believe that God's timing is perfect? That what seems like a delay is actually evidence of his grace?

Hands: How will you pursue godliness and holiness in your life this week? How will you make the most of the time?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
