

“Will Jesus Come Again?”

2 Peter 3:1-10

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I. Introduction

A. Will Jesus come again?

1. According to 2 Peter 3, the answer is yes.
2. Christians for two thousand years have been waiting for and looking for the coming again of Jesus Christ.
3. In Chapter 1, Peter calls us to be “standing in holiness.”
4. In Chapter 2, he calls us to be “standing against heresy.”
5. Now, in Chapter 3, he calls us to be “standing in hope.”
 - a) Why does Peter want us to be “standing in hope?”
 - 1) Because of “scoffers” (vv. 3-4)
 - 2) Some said, “Jesus won’t come again to judge sin,” but Peter said, “Yes, He will.”
 - 3) Don’t lose your expectation of the “blessed hope of the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”

B. Peter gives us four solemn admonitions

1. “Beloved be mindful” (vv. 1-2)
2. “Beloved be not ignorant” (v. 8)
3. “Beloved be diligent” (v. 14)
4. “Beloved beware” (v. 17)

II. Beloved be Mindful (2 Peter 3:1-7)

A. Peter wanted them to remember a key theme in 2 Peter.

1. Remember the truth of God’s Word (v. 2)
 - a) “Spoken by the Holy Prophets” (Old Testament)
 - b) “The commandments of the apostles” (New Testament)
 - 1) The New Testament is also God’s Word.
 - c) Why do we believe Jesus will come again?
 - 1) Because he says He will
 - 2) That is why we are standing on God’s Word
2. Remember, scoffers will come (vv. 3-4)
 - a) “Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come mocking the truth and following their own desires.” (NLT)
 - b) “They will come in the last days” (v. 3)

- c) “They will scoff or mock” (v. 3)
- d) Who are “they,” and what are they mocking?
 - 1) The idea that Jesus is coming back to judge sin
- e) Why do they scoff?
 - 1) “Walking after their own lust” (v. 3)
 - 2) Their argument (v. 4)
 - a. It’s called “uniformitarianism.”
 - i. “The view that the cosmic processes of the present and future can be understood solely on the basis of how the cosmos has operated in the past.”
 - ii. They say, “God is not going to break into history and interrupt natural law and the progress of time.”
- f) Peter points out their willing ignorance (vv. 5-7)
 - 1) That God created the world by His Word (v.5)
 - a. “They deliberately forget that God made the heavens by the Word of His command and He brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water” (NLT).
 - b. God made the universe.
 - c. God sustains the universe.
 - d. God can intervene in His universe.
 - 2) That God has intervened in His universe
 - a. “God flooded the world with water” (v. 6).
 - b. (Genesis 6-9)
 - 3) That God will destroy the world by fire (v. 7)
 - a. The end of the world
 - b. When?
 - i. “New heaven and new earth” (Revelation 21:1)
 - ii. “We look for a new heaven and a new earth” (v. 13)
 - iii. There’s a new world coming.

III. Beloved Be Not Ignorant (2 Peter 3:8-10)

- A. Peter answers the question, “Why hasn’t Jesus come back yet?”
 - 1. God is eternal (v. 8)
 - a) God is not bound by time.
 - 2. God is long-suffering (v. 9)
 - a) God wants you to repent and be saved.
- B. Peter gives us the assurance that the Lord will come (v. 10).
 - 1. The Lord will come to judge sinners
 - 2. Why? Because “God is holy and righteous.”
 - 3. He hates and judges sin

V. Conclusion

A. Be ready! How?

1. The cross!

- a) Realize you have sinned
- b) Repent of your sin
- c) Received Jesus as your Savior
 - 1) (John 3:16)
 - 2) (Ephesians 2:8-9)