

Know This: Jesus is Coming Back



2 Pt. 3:1 - 18

I. The Certainty of Jesus Coming

Jesus is coming again...



2 Pt. 3:1 – 5, “Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to whole some thinking. ² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets & the command given by our Lord & Savior through your apostles. ³ First of all, you must understand that in following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

2 Peter 3:5 - 7, “But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”

Several years ago two Sociologists from the University of California at Berkeley did a survey of “church-going Americans”

They asked them this question: “Do you believe that Jesus will actually return someday?”

Only 44% of Protestants answered YES and 47% of Catholics said YES

Supernaturalism is ruled out by those who don't except Jesus as their Lord.

This thinking, results in people denying Jesus Virgin birth, His miracles, His resurrection and of course His return.

2 Pt. 3:8 – 10, “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord 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; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

II. From New Testament passages we know this about his 2nd Coming:

First, there will be a great noise, the trumpet will sound ... I Thess. 4:16

Second, the dead will Raise ... Jn.5:28,29

Third, Third, those still alive at His coming will be Changed ... I Cor. 15:51 – 52

Fourth, all will come before God in the Final Judgment ... Rv. 20:11 – 12

Fifth, Fifth, the righteous & the wicked will be separated to their Eternal Abodes ... Mt. 25:33 – 34

Returning to our Text

2 Pt. 3:11 – 13, “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

2 Pt. 3:14, “Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless & consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation -
- as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you”

2 Pt. 3:16 - 18, “as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught & unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; ¹⁸ but grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now & forever. Amen.

Conclusion:

The 1st century Christians did not fear the 2nd coming of Jesus, they looked forward to it.

- And so should we!
- We can & will look forward to it, only if we are living in our lives with Eternity in view.
- Being submissive & obedient to the will of the Lord, revealed to us within the pages of the N.T.