

GOD'S PATIENT PROMISE

2 Peter 3:1-9

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The return of Christ is a central theme of the gospel.

**Introduction: Hebrews 11:16; John 14:1-3;
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 2:11, 12; 2 Peter 1:11**

I. Peter deals explicitly with the false teaching that “forgot” the flood (of Noah), and denied the return of Christ in final judgment.

- 2 Peter 2 deals with the general idea that God does judge and punish the unrighteous.
2 Peter 2:1, 9, 10
- Scoffers are those who ridicule the truth about final judgment.
2 Peter 3:3
- Peter refutes the doctrine that God doesn't intervene in the affairs of the earth.
2 Peter 3:4-6

II. God has good reason to “take His time.”

- Peter doesn't deny that as man counts time, it has been a long time since creation and the biblical flood.
2 Peter 3:7-9
- God's delay is an opportunity for good, but people use it as an excuse for sin.
- Final judgment is as unexpected and certain as the biblical flood.
2 Peter 3:10-13, Matthew 24:36-39

*The unjust want to avoid the return of Christ.
The righteous can't wait for it.*