

Pray for Your Church

- **Pray for our Summer Youth Camps and Missions Trips.** Pray that lives would be changed and souls saved through these opportunities.
- **Pray for our Student and Children's Ministries.** Pray for the many upcoming opportunities they have to make much of Jesus. Pray that souls would be saved.
- **Pray for Pastor Travis.** He has a heavy load as he shares our burdens and provides leadership for our church family.

Pray For Our Country

- **Pray for the salvation of all who remain lost.** Pray that they would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- **Pray for current leadership** including President Donald Trump, Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, Governor Glen Youngkin, Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earl Sears, and Attorney General Jason Miyares that they would lead with wisdom and in accordance with God's will.
- **Pray for unity within our country.** Pray that we find ways to share God's love (the Gospel) with those with whom we may disagree.

Sermon Notes

Blessed Hope: The Promise Still Stands

2 Peter 3:8-14

Jesus Christ is coming back to earth. This isn't wishful thinking. This isn't Christian folklore passed down like some spiritual bedtime story. This is the clear and repeated promise of Scripture.

Peter's going to show us that the delay of Christ's return isn't a contradiction of God's promise. It's actually proof of God's purpose.

So, why hasn't Christ returned—and what does that mean for us today?

5. The Lord Doesn't Measure _____ The Same As Man. (2Pet 3:8)

- To **God who is eternal**, it takes **one thousand years to make a day**. Therefore, to ask why Jesus Christ hasn't returned after 2000 years seems rather ridiculous.
- The feelings of one day are so intense to Him that **it feels like a thousand years**. Whereas we bear only the sufferings of our own personal experience, **God bears the sufferings of all the experiences of all men**.

To be sure Scripture definitely teaches that we are living in the last days...
(2Tim 3:1-5, Heb 1:2, Jude 17-18)

6. The Lord Is Not _____ In Sending Christ Back But is _____ (2Pet 3:9)

- Christ has not yet returned to earth because God loves man. **He wants more and more people to come to repentance.**
- **God does not want us perishing;** He does not want us cut off and separated from Him.
(Jn 3:16, Eph 2:4-5, 1Jn 3:1)
- **God desires that everyone comes to repentance.** (Mat 3:2, Lk 13:3)

7. The Day Of The Lord Is _____. (2Pet 3:10,)

- **The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.**
- As believers we must not get careless. We must watch.
(Mat 24:27, 36, 44, 25:10)
- He is going to create a new heaven and a new earth in which only righteousness will exist. The righteous, **those who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness**, shall be the citizens of the new heaven and earth.

8. The Lord's Return Should Compel _____ _____. (2Pet 3:11)

If Jesus is coming back, and everything we know will be burned up and remade, how should we live?

Holy lives (vs11)
Longing for Jesus to fully reign (vs12)
With Hope (vs 13)
Blameless (vs14)