

**Expect God’s Patience  
2Peter 3:1-9**

Questions we want God to answer:

**1. How can I keep telling people that Jesus is going to come back a 2<sup>nd</sup> time?**

**Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. <sup>2</sup>**

**I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. 2Peter 3:1-2**

God’s Word reminds us of God’s prophetic Truth Fulfilled.

Bible timeline:

The time between Isaiah’s Old Testament writing and Jesus is 700 yrs.

The time between Abraham and Jesus is 2091 years.

The time between Adam and Jesus is around 4000 yrs.

The prophetic truth, of God’s word, told us, 700 years before, 2,000 years before, and 4,000 years before Jesus Christ was born as a baby that he was going to be the Savior of the world.

God’s prophetic word gives us an unshakeable foundation to stand on to believe that Jesus will come back again.

Why do we need this foundation of truth to stand on?

**Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup> 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.”**

**<sup>5</sup> But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. <sup>6</sup> By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. <sup>7</sup> By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of ungodly people. 2Peter 3:3-7**

- ❖ The fulfilled truth of God’s Word enables us to stand up to the scoffers of the world.

**2. “God, what are you waiting for?”**

**But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2Peter 3:8-9**

*It is not about us. It is about God’s love for lost people.*

Our attitude should be the same as God’s attitude.

- We must be patient - longsuffering with others
- We should not want anyone to perish
- We should have a desire for everyone to come to repentance.

God is patiently waiting for everyone to put their faith in Jesus Christ His only Son.

➤ A plan of action to join God in reaching out to lost people:

Who do I know that is lost and not involved in church that I will pray for and ask God to use me to share the love of Christ with?

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
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Even though it is true that God is longsuffering and that God is patient and that God wants everyone to come to repentance.

Even God’s patience will only last so long. There will be a day of Judgement.

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 2Peter 2:10**

- ❖ The truth of these words should compel us to want to reach out to lost people.