

## Since He is Coming

*2 Peter 3:11–13*

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**MAIN IDEA:** Christians are called to live in anticipation of the return of Jesus Christ. And the impending return of our Lord ought to have a transformative impact on our lives. In 2 Peter 3, the apostle Peter makes clear that Christ is returning for His people and he calls believers to live in light of that reality.

### SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Contemplate your Present Conduct (11)
  - A. You Ought to Be Committed to Holiness
  - B. You Ought to Be Devoted to God
- II. Cultivate an Eternal Perspective (12-13)
  - A. Your Eager Anticipation of His Coming (12a)
  - B. Your Clear Conviction about His Coming (12b-13a)
  - C. Your Intentional Preparation for His Coming (13b)

### BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Peter 3:1–9. Why does the apostle Peter write about the Noahic Flood in verses 5–7? How should Christians react today, knowing that Christ will eventually return to the earth in judgment? Why should this future event encourage us to pray for the lost? Evangelize the lost?

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Practically, what does it look like for Christians to live in expectation of Christ's return? What are practical ways to ensure you regularly meditate on the Second Coming of Christ? Discuss.

2. What challenges do we face that often keep us from considering Christ's return? Why is it easy for us to neglect eschatology (the doctrine of the last things/days)?
3. Read 1 John 3:1–3. What do these verses teach about the relationship between sanctification and the second coming of Christ? Why should the future return of Christ compel us to grow in holiness? Discuss.