

Our Hope, The Lord's Return

2 Peter 3:1-10*

Few [of us] like to wait, but that is precisely what God calls believers to do as they anticipate the Lord's return. Three times the word *prosdokaō*, "look(ing) forward," appears in this chapter (vv. 12–14). This is the same Greek word translated "expect" in Luke 12:46. Waiting is to be coupled with watching.¹

Peter has dealt with the character and conduct of the apostates in 2 Peter 2, and now he deals with their false teaching. Peter affirmed the certainty of Christ's coming in glory (2 Peter 1:16ff), a truth that the apostates questioned and denied. In fact, they were scoffing at the very idea of the return of the Lord, the judgment of the world, and the establishment of a glorious kingdom.

[Outline adapted from Warren Wiersbe]

- God's word is true (1-4)
- God's work is certain (5-7)
- God's will is merciful (8-10)

*These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

¹ Kenneth O. Gangel, "2 Peter," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 874.