

HURRY UP AND WAIT

2 Peter 3:8-15a

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Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. – Revelation 16:15 (NKJV)

“Time flies when you’re having fun.” We’ve all heard that saying, and probably most of us have said it, either seriously or sarcastically. We have also spent time waiting on something ...a checkout line, a traffic light, a doctor’s appointment. We tend to get frustrated if the wait is too long. How about waiting for the birth of a child or grandchild, news about our own or a loved one’s medical condition, or the arrival of a special visitor? We tend to get anxious if the wait is too long. Waiting is an inevitable part of life. Do we do it graciously? How do we use that time?

Peter is telling us not to be anxious as we await the return of Christ. While it may seem like a long time to us, it is a blink of an eye to God. Peter tells us in verse 9 that our Lord is “...not willing that any should perish but that all come to repentance.” In His delay, Jesus is not being delinquent in keeping His promise to return, but providing plenty of time for all to find salvation.

We are also told that when Christ does return it will be as a thief in the night; when we least expect it. We are asked, what manner of person ought we to be? Should we wait in stress, frustration or anxiety? No! We should await Jesus’ return with peace and joy, living a Godly life and striving for holiness.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to be diligent in living a life pleasing to You, as we await Your glorious return. Amen.

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