

# The Wait

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⌘ 1 Peter

⌘ AD 64

⌘ Second coming is near

⌘ Suffering Christians

⌘ Focus on the return of  
Christ

⌘ Spoke of Resurrection of  
Christ

⌘ 2 Peter

⌘ AD 67

⌘ Second coming delay

⌘ False Teachers

⌘ Focus on reason why the  
return has yet to occurred

⌘ Spoke of the  
Transfiguration of Christ



# The Wait

- œ “Men do not enjoy waiting for anything, or anyone, including God.
- œ Noah waited a good 100 years or so for the flood to come upon the earth
- œ Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years for the birth of the son God had promised them
- œ Disciples were not excited about waiting either.

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- œ God's promises never come too late; in truth, they are never "late" at all.
- œ Jeremiah prophesied that Judah would be expelled from the land and held captive in Babylon for 70 years
- œ The birth of the Lord Jesus came about exactly on schedule
- œ God is never "late;" He is always "on time."



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- œ The natural man is always more interested in something “new” than in being reminded of that which is “old”
- œ Gadget/Computer/Vehicle/Fashion/Hair-style
- œ So in a Christian context; what happens when the wait is longer than expected?
- œ Our mind start to play with ideas.

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☞ *2 Timothy 2: 2-4*

☞ *“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”*



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1. That wait that turns to doubt

☞ Doubts start to invade our thoughts and actions.

☞ We welcome any ideas that seems right to us.

☞ 2 Peter 2:1-10 – False teachers and their destruction

☞ Many are oblivious to the dangers and miss out the spiritual reference points



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☞ *Galatians 1:6-7* “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ”

☞ *1 Timothy 4:1-2* “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.”



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Modern False Teaching:

- 1) Overemphasis of Prosperity
- 2) Exaggerated View of Grace
- 3) Deification of Man
- 4) Challenging the Authority of the Word
- 5) Rejecting/Play down Hell

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☞ *2 Corinthians 11:3-4 “But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.”*



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- œ Key to our spiritual reference point
- œ “Knowledge”, appears 16 times in this short 3 chapters
- œ The primary solution to false teaching is knowledge of the true doctrine
- œ They don’t have the full scripture then. They rely on OT and the apostle teaching.



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2. That doubt that turns to strength

☞ God has no problem with doubt when it brings us CLOSER to Him and it STRENGTHENS our faith

☞ The danger is doubt can lead us to sin and it makes us FURTHER from him

☞ Exp: John the Baptist

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œ John the Baptist doubted...Why?

œ Matt 11:2-3 “When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

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1. Difficult situation (In Matt 3:1-12, he preached the word boldly and prepared the way for Messiah and now he is in prison...)
2. Unmet Expectation (Isaiah 61:1 – “...has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...” ) – **that Messiah WILL and SOON release them and bring judgment**
3. Limited Knowledge/ Perception



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1. Seek answer from Him (In Matt 11:2-3 “When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask Him: ” Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?)
2. Get Biblical Revelation (Matt 11:4-5)

Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor (Isaiah 29:18-19, 35:5-6, 61:1) – **Jesus gave enough “EVIDENCE” for people to believe Him**



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## 3. Trust with Optimism (Matt 11:6)

“Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me”

Jesus did not answer John the Baptist the way He wanted it but Jesus helped him to trust in Him

Exp: Radio Show (Worries end where faith begin)



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7ymriMhoj0>

