



# GROW IN *Christ*

The Return of Christ, In God's Perfect Time

2 Peter 3:1-18



# God Is Patient Not Indifferent

- The gospel must be preached to the ends of the earth.
- Peter tells us that in the last days people will say that God is not going to do anything.
- Scoffers total forgot the power of God.
- Peter points out to the critics that just because it has not happened yet does not mean it will not happen.
- God lives in eternity and is not limited by the same time-space concepts that we are.
- Jesus originally came in the “fullness of time;” His second coming will be in God’s perfect time.



# The Motivation For God's Patience



- God wants all of us to have time to repent.
- Once Jesus returns or when we die, it will be too late for us to change.
- We must always be ready.
- Jesus is not our insurance policy; He is our life if we belong to Him.
- We should be motivated to live a holy life pleasing to God.
- The return of Christ gives us a hope.



# Blessings Of God's Patience



- We are to live lives pleasing to the Lord as we wait His return.
- God's patience allows us to work on being found spotless and blameless.
- Our life should be about trying to reflect to the world what God has done for us.
- We should look at God's patience as an opportunity to win more people to His kingdom while there is still time.
- We must use the time we have wisely; God is patient, but we do not know when that will end.



# Conclusion

- The Lord is delaying His return so that we will have time to share the Good News.
- The Bible is the story of the fall of man and then the redemption of man.
- Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
- When the gospel reaches the ends of the earth, to the satisfaction of the Lord, He will come again in His perfect timing.