

Faithful through the Ages

Coming Again

2 Peter 3:1-18 | Matt Whitacre | 7/19/26



Series Goal: That together as a congregation we might see, trust, and rest in the unchanging faithfulness of Jesus across all time; past, present, and future.

This Week's Anchor Question:

How does the promise of Jesus' return change the way we live today?

We live in confidence that God always keeps his promises.

We “Live the way the whole New Testament tells (us) to live, because the whole New Testament is written in light of the second coming.” -Pastor John Piper

We pursue holiness, godliness, and righteousness, which dwells in the new earth.

We grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

We love the Lord's appearing.

**Hyper Links
to other
Scriptures**

Genesis 6-9

1 Thess. 4:1-18

1 Cor. 3:10-15

1 Cor. 16:22-24

2 Timothy 4:8
Rev. 22:20

Holding Tension: *This space is left empty for unresolved questions, convictions, or prompts for further study/reading...*

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Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide

Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!

Start with Prayer: Ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.

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Read the text (or portions) from 2 different versions – **2 Peter 3:1-18**

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Pauses for Reflection and Discussion –

1. What emotion comes to mind when you hear these words “Jesus is coming back”
 - *What does your reaction reveal about our current relationship with Jesus?*
2. How do God’s promises during the flood relate to his promise that “the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.”
 - *What can we learn from those who chose not to believe God’s Word about the flood?*
3. Why is Jesus taking so long to come back?
 - *What does it look like for you to “count the patience of the Lord as salvation”?*
4. “Even while the world rejected Him, Jesus remained exactly who He had always been.”
 - *How might our relationships change if our character remained steady, even as our circumstances grew more difficult?*
5. John Piper wrote “Live the way the whole New Testament tells you to live, because the whole New Testament is written in light of the second coming.”
 - *Agree or disagree? Why or why not?*
6. How does growing to love the Lord more now affect how we “love his appearing”?
 - *How can you “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” today? This week? This year?*

[Prayer
Requests](#)

Family

Church

Community

Career &
Friends

Other

Practical Living – This Week’s Application (*choose one or more*)

- Write or journal a prayer to pray daily:
- What posture is this text inviting me to practice? (*i.e. waiting, listening, courage, generosity, humility, surrender*):
- Write or journal a person or place to intentionally engage: