

Anticipating Christ's Return

(Part 1 - Waiting for God's Promise)

Text: 2 Peter 3:9-14

Main Idea: Incredible heavenly blessings come to those who wait patiently on God's promise!

1. **Negative Promise:** The material heavens & earth & all that is in them will be _____ & the ungodly will be _____! (9-10)
2. **Positive Promise:** There will be a glorious restitution & _____ of the heavens & earth for believers. (11-13)
 - God has prepared *incredible things* for those who _____ him. (1 Cor 2:9)
 - The saints will *judge* the _____ & angels. (1 Cor 6:2)
 - Jesus will sit on His glorious throne, along with the Apostles on 12 thrones, & all believers will be rewarded _____ fold & inherit *eternal life*. (Matt 19:28-29)
 - All things will be _____. (Acts 3:19)
 - _____ is going to be revealed to believers who are *heirs* of God & Christ. We along with creation will be freed from the bondage of _____, & given new sin free *redeemed* bodies. (Rom 8:17-25)
 - There will be a *new heaven & earth* where _____ will reign with no evil. (Is 11:1-9)
 - There will be a new heaven & earth where God will _____ with men, with *no tears or death or pain*. The tree of life will be there & all will live in the presence of _____ forever & ever. (Rev 21-22)

What should be our response to these promises?

1. We must _____ on the promise! (v. 12)
 - Don't _____ to find our greatest joy & hope in this life.
 - Endure _____ anticipating the fullness of joy to come.
2. We must _____ the promise by **praying & evangelizing!** (12)
3. We must _____ for the promise by striving for **holiness!** (11, 14, Heb 12:14)