

The One Thing Not to Forget: Why Christ Has Not Yet Returned

2 Peter 03:08–10

1. *The Lord does not measure time the same as man*

2. *The Lord is not slow in sending Christ back to earth, but patient, cp. v. 15*

- a. He wants none to perish
- b. He wants all to repent

3. *The Day of the Lord is coming, v. 10*

- a. As a thief — unexpected
- b. The heavens will pass away with a roar
- c. The elements will melt with intense heat
- d. The earth will burn up
- e. All things shall be dissolved

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

The Things Believers Must Do Since Jesus Christ is Coming Again (Part I)

2 Peter 03: 11–14

1 *Believers must live holy and godly lives*

2 *Believers must look for and speed up the Day of God*

3 *Believers must look for the new heavens and new earth*

4 *Believers must be prepared for the coming of Christ*

- a. Must be spotless
- b. Must be blameless
- c. Must be found in peace

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

12 As you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.