

# **Our Hope of Christ's Return**

*2 Peter 3.1-15*

***Our hope doesn't disappoint us***

***Rom 5.5; 15.13; 1 Tim 1.1***

***- transformed characters Col 1.27***

***- resurrection bodies 1 Cor 15***

***- the return of Jesus Tit 2.13***

***The return of Christ ...***

**1. ...Tests our Patience, vs 1-9**

***we must wait for it vs 8-9; Tit 2.13***

***the delay is deliberate***

***to maximise those saved***

**2. ...Motivates our Holiness, vs10f,14f**

***Christ's return will be sudden v10***

***but not unexpected for us 1 Th 5.1-9***

***God's grace is our teacher Tit 2.11-14***

***cultivate what will last v10-11***

***holiness, godliness, purity vs14-15***

### 3. ...Drives our Commitment v12

*to tell others about Jesus*

*the whole world must hear Mat 24.14*

*prioritise the unreached Rev 7.9*

*speed the spread of the Gospel*

*- by praying 2 Thess 3.1*

*... for new workers Mat 9.37-38*

*... new opportunities Col 4.2-3*

*... boldness Eph 6.9; Col 4.4*

*... breakthroughs 2 Cor 10.4-5*

*- by giving*

*- by going*

### 4. ...Undergirds our Hope vs12-13

➤ *reunited with all God's people*

*Rev 7.9; 2 Cor 5.8; 1 Thess 4.14,17*

➤ *resurrection bodies 1 Cor 15.35-54*

➤ *rewards for service Mat 16.27;10.42*

*Mat 6.4,6,18; 1 Cor 15.58; Gal 6.9*

➤ *renewed creation v13; Rev 21.4,27*

➤ *recognise Jesus 1 John 3.2*