

Message Two: Waiting Biblically for the Return of Christ Pastor Shannon Chapman

A human struggle we all have is <u>waiting</u>

We put our hope in the assurance of Scripture.

- 1. The Bible is a <u>perfect</u> book
 - *Psalm 119:89, Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.*
 - Matthew 24:35, Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
- 2. The Bible is a <u>prophetic</u> book
 - There are over 350 prophecies fulfilled in the life of Jesus.

We have a promise of the return of Jesus... but the <u>"how"</u> is not as important as

the *<u>"waiting"</u>* with holy anticipation of that day

How to wait Biblically for the return of Christ:

2 Peter 3:1-18

- 1. Have the right <u>frame of mind</u>
 - 2 Peter 3:1
- 2. Remember the voices of the Prophets and Apostles
 - 2 Peter 3:2-7

Ignorance of the Scoffers

- They doubt the reality of Christ's <u>return</u>
- They deny God's revealed <u>truth</u>
- They feel God is <u>slow</u> and judgement will never come
 - 2 Peter 3:8-10
- 3. Live by <u>faith</u>
 - 2 Peter 3:11-18

Let's search our hearts and if there are issues that need to be settled, **let's bring them to Jesus** *today.*