

# The Great Wait: Delight and Discernment in the Second Coming

*Six Things to Do While We Wait for Jesus, 6*

2 Corinthians 5:11–15

August 3, 2025

The Lord's Day Morning

When “Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15) he promised his disciples that after he left the world, he would “come again” (John 14:3) so that they would always be together. The literal, bodily, return of Jesus is one of the cardinal and essential doctrines of Christianity, uniformly held by the church from the beginning until now. We are presently in the Great Wait, eagerly anticipating his return. But while we wait, we must prepare ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren for his return. This summer in our Family Worship, we'll focus on six things we can do to prepare for the return of Jesus during the Great Wait.

Jesus came the first time to save us from the <i>penalty</i> of sin.	<p>THE GREAT WAIT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go to church!</li><li>2. Think about baptism!</li><li>3. Trust Jesus now to save you!</li><li>4. Participate in the Lord's Supper!</li><li>5. Do what pleases the Lord!</li><li>6. _____!</li></ol>	Jesus is coming again to save us from the <i>presence</i> of sin.
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Q20: What is the sixth thing I can do to prepare for Jesus' return?

A20: \_\_\_\_\_ others to follow Jesus!

Q21: Why should I persuade others to follow Jesus?

A21: Because at Christ's judgment seat, everyone will either get what \_\_\_\_\_ deserve (punishment) or what \_\_\_\_\_ deserves (reward).

Q22: What should I persuade people to believe about Jesus?

A22: Jesus' death on the cross is \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for everyone's sins, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ to pay only for the sins of those who believe in him.

Q23: How can I be persuasive when I speak about Jesus?

A23: You are most persuasive when you:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus (character) so people will want to listen to you.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus (competence) so you will know what to say.