

Until Jesus Returns

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“This church will be a _____ until Jesus returns.”

When we choose to stay _____ on what is yet to come, it will change how we live here and now.

2 Peter 3:8-14 (NLT) *8 But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. 9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed but wants everyone to repent. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. 11 Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, 12 looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. 13 But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness. 14 And so, dear friends, **while you are waiting** for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.*

We're to live _____ lives while we're waiting.

Living a peaceful life is being at _____, knowing that our eternal future is secure, while also being at _____, knowing that sharing the Gospel is our responsibility.

MY NOTES

Hebrews 10:32-36 (NLT) *32 Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. 33 Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things. 34 You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever. 35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! 36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.*

Luke 19:13 (KJV) *"Occupy till I come."*

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NLT) *2 Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. 3 This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed."*

Pastor's Blessing

- Be blessed with a peaceful life – one that is content in waiting but also joyfully advancing God's Kingdom.
- Be blessed as you choose to stay focused on what is yet to come, allowing it to change how you live here and now.
- Be blessed with the strength to hold on to God's promises...until Jesus returns for you.
- Be blessed today in Jesus' name.