

The Most Doctrinal Time of The Year
The Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

- i. The first coming of Christ brings about the initiation of salvation for mankind. *Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11*
 - ii. The second coming of Christ brings about the culmination of that salvation for believers. *Hebrews 9:28; Romans 13:11; 1 John 3:2-3*
 - iii. Why is the second coming of Christ so neglected?
 - A. *Reason #1: Ignorance—we have not been taught the truths concerning the return of Christ and, as a result, are not interested.*
 - B. *Reason #2: Comfort—we are not interested in Christ's return because we like the life we have.*
 - C. *Reason #3: Sensationalism—we try to fit Scripture into every world or current event and predict the date of Christ's return.*
 - D. *Reason #4: Delay—Christ has still not _____.* 2 Peter 3:3-4
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I. How Do We Know That Jesus is Coming?

- A. We know that Jesus is coming again because He told us so. *Matthew 24:30; John 14:3; Revelation 22:7, 12, 20*
- B. We know that Jesus is coming because the angels told us so. *Acts 1:9-11*
- C. We know that Jesus is coming because the Apostles told us so. *1 Thessalonians 4:15-16; James 5:8; Peter 1:13; Revelation 1:7*

II. What Attitudes Should We Have Regarding Jesus' Coming?

- A. Eagerness: A confident anticipation, expectation and longing for Christ to return. *2 Timothy 4:8; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Hebrews 9:28*
 1. *An eager anticipation and longing for Christ's return is an evidence of grace in your life. Titus 2:11-13*
 2. *How eager am I to see Christ come? If not, why? Revelation 22:20*

B. Readiness!

1. Develop a constant __alertness__.

- a. *You do this by constantly reminding yourself of the __warnings__ that Jesus gave regarding his return.*

Matthew 24:43-44; 25:13; Mark 13:32-37

2. Display a consistent __holiness__.

1. *Constant alertness to Christ's coming will change the way you __live__.*

1 John 3:2-3; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 2:28

2. *What needs to change in your life so that you'll be 'ready' for Christ to return?*