

**Don't Stop Believing
Jesus Is Coming Back!
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Key Verse For Don't Stop Believing Series

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 1 Peter 1:13 NIV

Key Thought Of Don't Stop Believing

Stray strong in your faith in Jesus Christ — even when it is difficult — **DON'T STOP BELIEVING**, because Jesus is coming back!

Key Thought of the Day

LIVE like Jesus is **COMING BACK!**

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 2 Peter 3:8-14 NIV

The Return Of Jesus Christ...

- Will take place according to God's perfect **WILL AND TIMING**.

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised?" 2 Peter 3:3-4 NIV

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 2 Peter 3:8 NIV

What is Peter saying?

While God created **TIME**, He exists apart from it.

Our Response...

Don't **DOUBT!**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. 2 Peter 3:9

The Return Of Jesus Christ...

- Reveals God's loving **MERCY**.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation... 1 Peter 3:15a NIV

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14 NIV

Our Response...

Advance the **MISSION OF CHRIST** by proclaiming the Gospel!

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

The Return Of Jesus Christ...

- Will be **SUDDEN** and without **WARNING**.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. 2 Peter 3:10a NIV

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:42-44 NIV

Our Response...

Live every day as if **TODAY** is the day of Jesus' return!

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:20 NIV

The Return Of Jesus Christ...

- Will be **TERRIFYING** for the unbeliever.

The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 2 Peter 3:10b NIV

By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 2 Peter 3:7 NIV

Our Response...

As you face life today, never forget your **TRUE HOME** has yet to be revealed!

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? 2 Peter 3:11 NIV

The Challenge

Christians should live everyday with **PURPOSE**, because Jesus is coming back.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. 2 Peter 3:11-12 NIV

- Christians ought to live **HOLY** lives. ...live holy...
- Christians ought to live **GODLY** lives. ...godly lives...
- Christians ought to be **ANTICIPATING** Jesus' return. ...as you look forward...
- Christians ought to seek to **HASTEN** Jesus' return. ...and speed its coming.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 2 Peter 3:14 NIV