

Jesus Is Coming Back
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- **Jesus is Coming Back**
 - “Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.” (v.8)
 - Jesus’ return is not symbolic. It’s real. He’s coming.
 - How can the Lord be near for 2000 years?
 - We’ve been in the End Age. But the day is coming when grace and justice will be fully realized.

- **Why is Jesus taking “so long”?**
 - “The Lord is not slow...He is patient...not wanting anyone to perish” (2 Peter 3:9)
 - The Great Commission is still unfinished! (Matthew 28:16-20)

- **What does it mean to be patient while we wait for Jesus’ return?**
 - Patience ≠ Passive. Waiting Room vs. Training Room.
 - God’s Timing ≠ Our Timing. Farmers and their fields (v. 7-8)
 - The judge is at the door! How we live now matters.
 - Grumbling ≠ Endurance. Kids fight before parents return. Jesus’ prayer for us was unity. (John 17)

- **Jesus is coming back. Will He find us ready?**
 - “But most of all...never take an oath...”, feels random, but it’s not. (v.12)
 - Swearing oaths = trying to prove yourself. It’s ultimately trust in self > grace.
 - Are you ready?
 - Gospel only gives two answers: Yes or no. There is no partial salvation. You are not saved by performance, but by the finished work of Jesus.

- **Communion Response: We are ready.**