

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

As a little boy in a country school, I saw no purpose in doing my schoolwork. So the teacher made me stay after school as punishment, with my dad waiting out in the car. That didn't go well. I will never forget my dad being upset and saying to me, "Do you think the whole world is going to wait on you?" Up to that point, I had not given it a thought, but it suddenly occurred to me that this was not going to fly in "dad's world"!

But as believers, we are called to patiently WAIT for the return of our Lord! In fact, waiting for the return of the Lord is indicative of true faith.

In Luke 12:35-48 the warning is to be watching and waiting. Here Jesus indicates that the one looking for the coming of Christ lives accordingly, while the mere professor who doesn't look for Him is shown to be an unbeliever (cf. Lk. 12:45-48).

Paul says of believers, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

In conversion, the Thessalonians "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven" (1 Thess. 1:9-10).

True believers are to be "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

Hebrews 9:28 promises, "To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)

14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!