

## TIME STANDS STILL

**For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. Romans 8:22 (ESV)**

Try to imagine what the world was like “In the beginning”. Now, jump ahead about 2000 years and try to imagine what it was like in Abraham’s time, or 1000 years later in David’s time, or another 1000 years later in Jesus’ time here on the earth. We can read a lot in the Bible about the struggles that each generation has gone through. Our generation, 2000 years later, is certainly no exception, nor will the generations to come be. The point is, for thousands of years, God’s creation has endured all of this because of sin. Our sin!

We are still waiting; waiting for Jesus to return as He has promised. How impatient God’s people were in days past, and we share a comradery with them in our impatience. In 2 Peter 3:9 we read, “The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance”. We, as God’s children, are not merely to “stand still” while we wait. We are told to *Go and make disciples*, to boldly confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. And what are we to say about what Jesus has already done for us? Jesus has won the victory over sin and death! We have been washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. This is *Good News* to share with everyone!

***Prayer:*** *Help us, Lord, to use the time that You have given us wisely. When we grow impatient, remind us of Your command to share Your Word with others, and to wait patiently for Your Spirit to do the rest. Thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your Son, Jesus, so that we are reconciled to You. In His name we pray, Amen*

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