

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025
Grace Baptist Fellowship
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Maranatha!

2 Peter 3:1-7

Believers can be encouraged by the certainty of the return of Christ

I. The _____ of the _____ (vs. 1-2)

II. The _____ of the _____ (vs. 3-4)

a) _____ (vs. 3a)

b) _____ (vs. 3b)

c) _____ (vs. 4)

III. The _____ of the _____ (vs. 5-7)

“The hope of Christ’s coming was of paramount importance for the early church. In fact, its certainty was so real that first-century believers would greet one another with the term “maranatha,” meaning “Lord, come quickly.” Instead of being frightened by the possibility, they clung to it as the culmination of everything they believed. Not surprisingly, the New Testament reflects this intense anticipation by referencing Jesus’ return, whether directly or indirectly, in every New Testament book except Philemon and 3 John.”

(Nathan Busenitz, Living a Life of Hope
[Ulrichsville, Ohio: Barbour Books, 2003], 122)