

Reality Check
Part 5: The Significance of Immanence
2 Peter 3:1-14
November 24, 2024

1. Firmly plant your thinking about the future of the creation in biblical truth (3:1-7)
 - This requires (3:1-2):
 - ✓ knowing what the prophets predicted
 - ✓ knowing what to do because of those predictions
 - God's transcendence emboldens some to deny that Jesus will return (3:3)
 - The existence and continuance of the creation is based on God's spoken decree (3:4-7)
2. Though it may seem like He's lost track of time, the Lord's return is immanent (3:8-10)
 - The passage of time doesn't make him impatient (3:8)
 - He's waiting for more people to reach repentance (3:9)
 - He will return unannounced to destroy the creation and judge human behavior (3:10)
3. Believing that the Lord's return is immanent should impact the way you live (3:11-18)
 - You'll be holy, godly and diligent (3:11-14)
 - You'll patiently long for his return to make things right (3:12-13)
 - You'll consider his delay as an opportunity to share the gospel (3:15a)
 - You'll ignore the unstable influence of ignorant people and do the hard work to understand the Scriptures (15b-17)
 - You'll want to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (3:18)