

## Revelation 22:20

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“You’re slower than Christmas!” In fun, I have made this comment many times when someone is taking a long time.

During the year, especially the spring, summer and fall months, it often seems like Christmas is so far away. Like it will never get here. It seems like the wait is so long!

As a dad, when my kids ask for something - like a new LEGO set, or some new shoes, or a video game - I enjoy telling them, “Maybe for Christmas!” They dislike that answer. They dislike it because when it’s not Christmas time, Christmas seems so far away. It feels like it’s going to take a long time until Christmas comes. That’s too long to wait.

The return of Jesus Christ feels the same way. Yes, followers of Jesus have been waiting for nearly 2,000 years for Him to return. But it seems like that second advent is coming so slowly!

Like the long wait all year long for Christmas to finally get here, Christians are waiting and waiting for Jesus to get here and save us and take us to heaven. You may have said before “I can’t wait for Jesus to come back!” We regularly cry out, “Come, Lord Jesus!” We are ready for that glorious day! And yet, it does seem like it is taking so long to come. We do wonder, “How long until He comes?”

The Bible ends (and the book of Revelation ends) with this repeated phrase, “I am coming soon.” Revelation 22:7, 12, and 20 all say, “I am coming soon.”

God, the promise keeper, ends His book to us with a wonderful comforting promise - soon, He is coming soon!

It doesn’t feel like it. It feels like we have been waiting so long.

But on Christmas morning when the joy and love and gratitude abounds, we don’t think anymore about how long it took to get here. We rejoice and celebrate that it is Christmas Day - we celebrate again the first coming of Christ!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be assured that the second coming of Christ will be the same. He is coming soon, and when He comes it will be glorious! It will be all that our hearts have ever longed for! And we won’t even wonder or think about how long it took. We will praise Him for coming!

***Merry Christmas!***  
***He will be here soon!***