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2 Thessalonians 3:5b mentions, "the patient waiting for Christ." We do wait patiently for the return of Jesus Christ to earth, called the Second Coming. His first coming was two millennia ago when he came to offer Himself as a suffering sacrifice which delivered us from all our sin and disease.

Bible prophecies tell us that His Second Coming will be as the victorious King of Kings. He will gather His saints unto Himself and set up His eternal kingdom. We patiently wait for Christ to return in such manner.

The early church and apostles fully expected him to return in their lifetime, but He did not. Evangelical believers of the 20th century expected Christ to return any day, but He did not come in the 20th century. We still patiently await His return. According to Matthew 25:13 we do not know the hour, or day, or year, or century. But this we do know: He will return in the Father's own time.

However, He could return for you or for me individually at any day. We are not guaranteed tomorrow, so we must always be ready.

All biblical Prophecy is true, but it happens according to Father's plan and to His timing.

We patiently await and anticipate Jesus' glorious advent (appearing).