



# Foretold

## “Eagerly Waiting”

Hebrews 9:27-28



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exultant quando dividunt spolia  
iugum oneris eius et virgam umeri eius et  
sceptrum exactoris eius superasti sicut in die Madian  
quia omnis violenta praedatio cum tumultu et  
vestimentum mixtum sanguine erit in combustionem  
et cibus ignis  
parvulus enim natus est nobis filius datus est nobis et  
factus est principatus super umerum eius et vocabitur  
nomen eius Admirabilis consiliarius Deus fortis Pater  
futuri saeculi Princeps pacis  
multiplicabitur eius imperium et pacis non erit finis  
super solium David et super regnum eius ut confirmet  
illud et corroboret in iudicio et iustitia amodo et usque  
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# New Year's Day Dinner

January 1, 5:30 p.m.

- No gathering in the morning
- Soup dinner together as a family
- Loose discussion, followed by some prayer
- Kids with us, no classes





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# What was foretold about the Messiah?

1. His ancestry (from the lineage of Judah, then David)
2. His place of birth (Bethlehem)
3. The way he would enter Jerusalem (on a donkey)
4. The price for which he would be betrayed (30 silver pieces)
5. The timing of his death (483 years after a kingly decree)
6. The way in which he would die (mockery, garments divided, disfigured, hands and feet pierced, in silence)
7. His reign (as king for eternity over all)
8. His accomplishments (the removal of sin)
9. His resurrection (his days would be prolonged)
10. His deity (known as Everlasting Father, Mighty God)







**The promises made about the Messiah  
are part of a two-step process.**







# John 14:1-3

**“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”**





## Acts 1:10-11

<sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”







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**...but one of the primary ways that the New Testament describes a Christian is as one who is waiting.**







# Eagerly Waiting

**<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.**

**Hebrews 9:27-28**





# Eagerly Waiting

**For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.**

**Galatians 5:5**







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<sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10





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**<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Titus 2:11-14**





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**22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.**

**23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?**

**25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

**Romans 8:22-25**







**Biblical waiting is not a passive apathy...**

**...but instead, it's an active anticipation.**





## Acts 3:18-21

**<sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.**

**<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.**



