

## Why Do Wait? - cont.

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You may be a “good” person, but that alone will not save you (Acts 2:5; 6:7; 8:27; 10:2; 16:14; 23:1).

A convenient opportunity? Don’t wait! This may never come (Acts 24:25; 2 Corinthians 6:2).

More Knowledge? Don’t wait! You need to know enough to obey. You need to hear the gospel, believe it, repent of your sins, confess that Jesus is the Christ, be baptized for the remission of your sins, and strive to live faithfully each day. There will be time for growth after you become a Christian (2 Peter 1:5; 3:18).

A direct operation of the Holy Spirit, or a “calling” from God? Don’t wait! The Holy Spirit works through his word and God “calls” through his word (Gal. 3:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:14).

The Lord to give you faith? Don’t wait! Faith comes by hearing God’s word (Acts 15:7; Romans 10:17).

Friend, wait no more! No more excuses (Luke 14:15-24)! No more delays (Acts 22:16)! No more “tomorrows” (Proverbs 27:1; James 4:14)! And yes, no more sins (Romans 6:17-18)! - *Chris Reeves*

## - Word of the Week -

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“Conflict” (Gr. *agon*) means a striving or a struggle. We get our English “agonize” and “agony” from this Greek word. Christians are to strive to enter into heaven. We are to “fight (*agon*) the good fight of the faith” (1 Tim. 6:12) and “run the race (*agon*) that is before us” (Heb. 12:2). Let us go out this week and strive, never to give up or give in until we reach heaven.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Why Do Wait, Dear Sinner?

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I grant that there are times in life when it is good, if not even necessary, to be cautious and hesitant. It's ok to wait especially when it involves something important and we need more information before we make a decision.

For example, it's good to wait and not rush into marriage or choosing a particular job. It's good to wait when making certain health care decisions, or financial planning. When something involves a lot of money, time, or risk to our own health, it is probably a good idea to wait.

However, when it comes to our soul's salvation, it is not a good thing to wait, procrastinate, or put that off. The Devil would be glad for you wait when it comes to obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ. Knowing this, it was Ananias who said to Saul:

*“And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name” (Acts 22:16, ESV).*

In New Testament times, there was a sense of urgency among many. There was a sense of urgency in the ministry of Jesus. He wanted to do his Father's works while he could (John 9:4). There was a sense of urgency in

the conversions in the book of Acts. Sinners responded immediately to the gospel invitation; some even in “the same hour of the night” (Acts 2:37,41; 8:36-38; 16:33; 22:16; 26:28-29). There was a sense of urgency in restoring the erring Christian. Simon, when told by Peter that he was lost, immediately asked for prayers on his behalf for forgiveness (Acts 8:20-24).

## Where Is the Urgency Today?

Where has a sense of urgency gone in today's world with respect to the salvation of mankind from sin. I remember a time, when people would urgently respond to the gospel. Today, so many people “drag their feet” when it comes to obeying, if they do it all.

What has happened is that the world around us had dulled the spiritual senses of many and they just don't feel the guilt of sin and the need to be forgiven. They don't need Jesus because they can get their help from so many other people or things. Today, urgency is dulled by materialism, worldliness, indifference, pluralism, ignorance, etc. The average person spends so much scrolling on his or her phone, that there is no time to think seriously about one's spiritual condition with reference to God. So, I ask, “Friend, what are you waiting for?”

## Are You Waiting For...

God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to do something? Don't wait! They have already acted on your behalf to bring about your salvation (1 Timothy 2:4; Titus 2:11; 2 Peter 3:9).

Family, friends, or others to get right? Don't wait! You take care of your responsibilities regardless of what others do (John 21:21-22; Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Your life to be put “in order”? Don't wait! You start your improvement by becoming a Christian (Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

The hypocrites to go away? Don't wait! There are hypocrites everywhere (including hell, Matthew 24:51), but that should not deter you from doing what is right.

What friends and family might think? Don't wait! You must put the Lord first (Matthew 10:34-37). And you need to be concerned about what pleases God, not what friends and family think (John 8:29; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 John 3:22).

The need to be saved? Don't wait!