

“Galaxy Three: Intergalactic Rescue”

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□ How long?

□ Hebrews 10:23

- William Johnsson: “Their problem is not false teachers who have swept their young feet off the ground, as in Galatia. Nor is it a heady enthusiasm because of manifestations of the Spirit, as in Corinth. It is not the question of the failure of the Jews to receive the gospel, as in Romans. No, their problem is one of *tired blood*. They have grown weary with waiting for the Lord’s return, sluggish in their Christian identity, questioning the value of their religion, more so as hard times for Christians appear to loom on the horizon.” (*In Absolute Confidence* 20)
- Jesus: “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:1-3)
- Hebrews 9:28
- Lewis Smedes: “Waiting is our destiny as creatures who cannot by themselves bring about what they hope for. We wait in darkness for a flame we cannot light. We wait in fear for a happy ending we cannot write. We wait for a not yet that feels like a not ever. Waiting is the hardest work of hope.”
- Hebrews 10:36, 37
- Arnold Wallenkampf: “When you [as a parent] did tackle and finish the project, you never conceived of it as postponed. But it definitely seemed delayed to your little son or daughter. . . . Relative to the hopes and expectations of God’s loyal followers throughout history, there has been a definite subjective [in their minds] delay in Christ’s second advent. God’s faithful people have been like little children. They have expected Jesus to come in their day. And their attitude pleases God. He wants His spiritual children to be looking for Him always, just as human children watch for their daddy or mommy to come home.” (*The Apparent Delay* 101)
- Jesus: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.” (Acts 1:7)
- Ellen White: “Although disappointed, our faith has not failed. . . .The apparent tarrying [delay] is not so in reality, for at the appointed time our Lord will come.” (10MR 270)

“We have this hope!”