

Second Hand Preacher
Second Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2014
2 Peter 3:8-14

“...that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like one day”

This quote from 1 Peter reminds me of the old joke that to God one day is like 1,000 years and one penny is like a million dollars. So the man asked God for a penny and God said he could have it in a day. The verse and the lame joke, both show how God's sense of timing is different than our sense. That is how we can both wait for the coming of Christ as a child and the coming of Christ again. God's timing lets us hold that tension.

St. Peter writes this letter as a statement of faith that the early Christians would have honored. Peter was the one Jesus trusted with the keys to the Kingdom. Peter and the early Christians did not know when Jesus was coming again but they wanted to be ready. They wanted to live their lives in such a way to reflect the hope for life eternal to come.

St. Peter wants the early Christians to live in holiness and devotion. Wouldn't this be a great approach for us? We can be made whole in holiness being well rounded in body, mind, and soul. We can be devoted to God in a personal way forming a relationship with Jesus. We should be connected to Jesus in such a way that builds the community of Heaven right here on earth. It is in this relationship that we discover our giftedness and find out just what God wants us to do.