

• Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be *patient*, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

**Patience!**

## **Patient people are:**

- **Longsuffering KJV**
- **Happy**
- **Humble**
- **Gentle**
- **Optimistic**
- **Trusting**
- **Hopeful**
- **Patience is a virtue seldom found in a ??? And never found in a ??????**

# **Impatient People are:**

- **Stressed**
- **Unhappy**
- **Pessimistic**
- **Anxious**
- **Unsatisfied**
- **Angry**
- **Unhealthy**
- **Defeated**
- **Thin skinned**

# Can patience be an option in a Christian?

• **1Co 13:3** If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. **4 Love is patient**, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.** **8** Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

# Faith requires patience

• **James 5:7 Be patient**, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. **See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.** 8 You too, **be patient and stand firm**, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble **against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.** The Judge is standing at the door! 10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, **we count as blessed those who have persevered.** You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.**

# What happened with Job?

• **Job 42:10** After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. 11 All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. 12 **The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part.** He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.

# Is being patient a challenge at times?

• **James 1:4** Let **perseverance finish its work** so that **you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.** 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, **you should ask God, who gives generously** to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, **you must believe and not doubt,** because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.



## **When you lose patience, put it back on**

- **Col 3:12** Therefore, as God's chosen people, *holy* and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves** with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness **and patience**.

# **We are patient because the Lord is patient with us**

• **2Pe 3:8** But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. **Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

# Paul explains how Christ was patient with him

- **1Ti 1:16** But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, **Christ Jesus might display his immense patience** as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.
- **Act 22:4** I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, 5 as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.

# Even when we fall, the Lord is patient with us

- **James 4:4** You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that **he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?**
- **Isa 30:18** Yet the LORD **longs to be gracious to you;** therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. **Blessed are all who wait for him!**

# Patience is waiting

- **Lam 3:24** I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." 26 it is good to **wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.**

# In times of distress, wait on the Lord

• **Mic 7:7** But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, **I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.** 8 Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. **Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.** 9 Because I have sinned against him, I will bear the LORD's wrath, until he pleads my case and upholds my cause. **He will bring me out into the light; I will see his righteousness.** 10 Then my enemy will see it and will be covered with shame, she who said to me, "Where is the LORD your God?" My eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets.

# How are we to wait on the Lord?

- **Psa 5:3** In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and **wait expectantly**.
- **Psa 27:14** **Wait** for the LORD; **be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD**.

# **Done wrong? The Lord will handle it wait and see!**

- **Psa 37:7** Be still before the **LORD** and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- **Pro 20:22** Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" **Wait for the LORD**, and **he will avenge you.**
- **Psa 33:20** We wait in hope for the **LORD**; he is our help and our shield.



# **Wait for it! Wait for it!**

- **Psa 38:15** LORD, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.
- **Psa 130:5** I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
- **Psa 119:166** I wait for your salvation, LORD, and I follow your commands.

# Salvation is something worth waiting for

- **2Pe 3:12** as you **look forward to the day of God and speed its coming**. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise **we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells**. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him....

• **15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation**, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. **16** He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. **17** Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that **you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.** **18** But **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

# What happens when we are not patient with God?

• **Gen 15:1** After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." 4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, **but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.**"

## **Sarah and Abraham did not show patience with God**

• **Gen 16:1** Now Sarai, Abram's wife, **had borne him no children.** But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, "**The LORD has kept me from having children.** Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps (*I can*) **build a family through her.**" Abram agreed to what Sarai said. 3 So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."

# Patience with God seems to be impossible

• **Gen 18:9** "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. 10 Then one of them said, "**I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.**" Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. 11 Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" 13 Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' 14 **Is anything too hard for the LORD?** I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

# **Do we limit the power of the Gospel?**

- **They are steeped into denominationalism**
- **They are caught up in \_\_\_\_\_**
- **They were raised Jewish**
- **They are rich**

## **Impatience will lead to discrimination concerning the lost**

• **Mark 10:17** As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." **21 Jesus looked at him and loved him.** "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell. **He went away sad, because he had great wealth.**



# Is anything too hard for the LORD?

• **Mark 10:23** Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "**How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!**" 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "**Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!**" 25 It is **easier for a camel to go through** the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich **to enter the kingdom of God.**" 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, **but not with God; all things are possible with God.**"

# **With patience, God will do His work!**

• **1Co 3:6** I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, **but God has been making it grow.** 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, **but only God, who makes things grow.**

# Could the Word of God have worked in the heart of the rich young man?

- **Mark 14:50** Then everyone deserted him and fled. 51 **A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment,** was following Jesus. When they seized him, 52 he fled naked, **leaving his garment behind.**

# Our impatience with God will negatively affect those around us

- **Gen 16:4** He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. **5** Then Sarai said to Abram, "**You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering.** I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." **6** "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

# Impatience negatively affected Abraham because of Ishmael

• **Gen 21:8** The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. 9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, 10 and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." 11 **The matter distressed Abraham greatly** because it concerned his son.

## **Impatience negatively affected Ishmael**

• **Gen 21:14** Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. 15 When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "**I cannot watch the boy die.**" And as she sat there, she began to sob. 17 **God heard the boy crying**, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. 18 Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.

# **Our patience might just pay off for the sake of Christ**

- **1Co 7:16** How do you know, wife, **whether you will save your husband?** Or, how do you know, husband, **whether you will save your wife?** 17 Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.
- **We lose patience with those we teach**

# Teach with great patience

- **2Ti 4:2 Preach the word**; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--**with great patience** and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry



# It takes great patience to bear fruit for Christ

• **Col 1:9** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge **of his will** through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup> so **that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,** <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may **have great endurance and patience,** <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

# **Patience helps to maintain the other fruits of the Spirit**

- **Gal 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **longsuffering**, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

# Thirteen weeks



# God is patient and waits

• **1Pe 3:20** to those who were disobedient long ago when **God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.** In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

# How long did God wait for Noah and those around him?

- **Gen 5:32** After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.
- **Gen 7:6** Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth.

# **Noah preached while God was patient**

- **2Pe 2:5** if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, **a preacher of righteousness**, and seven others;

# **Noah was patient about something not seen**

- **Heb 11:7** By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness **that is in keeping with faith.**

## **Four hundred years God showed patience with the Amorites**

• **Gen 15:13** Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. 14 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. 15 You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. 16 In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, **for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.**"



# What will happen to those who are patient and wait on the Lord?

• **Heb 11:8** By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, **obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.** 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 **For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

# **There will come a time when the patience of God will cease**

**• 2Th 1:8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.**

# God's patience verses the hope of tomorrow

• **James 4:13** Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

# **Have you fallen away? God is showing His Patience right now!!!**

- **2Pe 3:9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

- **Please don't continue to test the patience of God**
- **Hear Rom 10:17** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.
- **Believed Act 16:14** One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. **"If you consider me a believer in the Lord,"** she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.
- **Confess Luke 12:8** "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God,
- **Repent Act 2:37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
- **Be Baptized Act 2:38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.