

Our Patience and Perseverance

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"But you have fully known my teaching, manner of life, purpose, Faith, **Patience**, Love, **Perseverance**, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured; but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:10-12)

"But the **Fruit of the Spirit** is Love, Joy, Peace, **Patience (Long-suffering)**, Kindness, Goodness, Faith, Gentleness, Self-control; against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:22-24)

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; so that you might walk worthy of the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to **His glorious power**, unto all Perseverance and Patience with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father." (Colossians 1:9-12)

Patience: from the Greek word *makrothymia* which means: patience; or long-patience, long-suffering, long-tempered; (literally: long-passion, or long-anger: in the sense of passion and anger being wisely restrained for length of time). In context: patiently waiting a long and sufficient amount of time so as to keep frustration, impatience, intolerance, anger, etc, from exploding forth; and thus pre-avoiding hasty, or sinful actions of various sorts. The goal is to endure through issues, or to resolve issues peacefully: patiently waiting for things to come to pass in God's perfect timing. As a fruit of God's Spirit: **patience** is an inspired response through us to issues and situations of life that we give over in faith unto God. It is the Spirit led capacity to accept and tolerate the following: trouble, delay, problems, or suffering, without getting improperly anxious, annoyed, angry, upset, or hasty in unwise decisions, etc.

Perseverance: from the Greek word *hypomonen* which means: remaining-under; in the sense of: perseverance, endurance, steadfastness, patient-waiting. Believers experience and endure through proactive steadfast-perseverance under various pressures, trials, unattained desires, and other situations of life encountered during our earthly pilgrimage; exemplified by believers clinging with perseverance to God in the face of such situations.

Patience and Perseverance are hand-in-hand somewhat similar attributes that believers have in the Spirit of Christ Jesus. They help followers of Jesus to continue in Him in hope, with mercy, and forbearance, and love for others, in the sight of God and our Father! Jesus, Himself did Exemplify Patience and Perseverance.

Please consider the following:

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. However, for this cause I obtained **mercy**, that in me **Jesus Christ** might first show forth **all Patience**, as a pattern unto those who should hereafter believe on Him for Life Everlasting." (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

"And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that you both do, and will do the things which we command you. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the **Perseverance of Christ**." (2 Thessalonians 3:4-5)

"Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless; and consider the Patience (Long-suffering) of our Lord as Salvation." (2 Peter 3:14-15)

Patience and Perseverance are very much needed when experiencing and enduring through trials, troubles, tribulations, and persecutions! Please consider the following:

"Give no offense in anything, so that the ministry be not blamed. But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God in much Perseverance: in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fasting; by pureness, by knowledge, **by Patience**, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by Love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." ([2 Corinthians 6:3-10](#))

"Therefore being justified by Faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the Glory of God. And not only so, but we also glory in tribulations: knowing that **tribulation works Perseverance**; and **Perseverance**: proven-character; and proven-character: hope; and hope does not disappoint; because the **Love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**" ([Romans 5:1-6](#))

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; **Persevering in tribulation**; devoted to prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality." ([Romans 12:9-13](#))

"Grace unto you, and peace, from **God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because that your faith grows exceedingly, and the Love of everyone of you all toward each other abounds; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for **your Perseverance** and faith in all your **persecutions and tribulations that you endure**; which is manifest-proof of the righteous judgment of God, so that you may be counted worthy of the **Kingdom of God**, for which you **also suffer**; seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation unto those who trouble you. And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels." ([2 Thessalonians 1:1-8](#))

Jesus said, "they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for **My Name's sake**. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Therefore, settle it in your hearts, not to meditate before what you shall answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to contradict nor resist. And you shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and relatives, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And you shall be hated of all men for My name's sake. But there shall not a hair of your head perish. **In your Perseverance** you will acquire your souls." ([Luke 21:12-19](#))

Patience and Perseverance are also much needed as we patiently wait for the Kingdom of God, and the fulfillment of God's promises:

"For we know that the whole creation **groans and travails in pain** together until now. And not only them, **but ourselves also**, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we are saved in hope; but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does he yet hope for what he sees? But if we hope for that we do not (yet) see, we in (Patient) Perseverance wait-eagerly (for it)." ([Romans 8:22-25](#))

"Therefore, be **Patient** brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits eagerly for the precious fruit of the earth, and has **Patience** for it, until it receives the early and latter rain. Be you also **Patient**; firmly-establish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draws near. ... My brethren, consider the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering affliction, and of **patience**. Behold, we count them happy **who endured**. You have heard of the (Patient) **Perseverance** of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very compassionate, and of tender mercy." ([James 5:7-11](#))

"... God; will render to every man according to his deeds. To those who with **Perseverance** in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality: **Eternal Life**. But unto those who are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness: indignation and wrath." ([Romans 2:6-8](#))

Some Final Exhortations:

"Therefore, cast not away your confidence, which has great recompense of reward. For you have need of **Perseverance**, so that, after you have done the will of God, you might **receive the promise**. For yet a little while, and He (Jesus) who shall come will come, and will not tarry." ([Hebrews 10:35-36](#))

"Therefore, seeing we are also encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us **run with Perseverance** the race that is set before us, looking unto **Jesus** the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him **Endured the Cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God." ([Hebrews 12:1-2](#))

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the calling with which you are called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with **Patience**, forbearing one another **in love**; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various temptations; Knowing this, that the testing of your faith works **Perseverance**. But let **Perseverance** have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." ([James 1:2-4](#))

"Whatever things were written beforehand were written for our learning, so that **through Perseverance**, and encouragement of the scriptures, **we might have Hope**." ([Romans 15:4](#))

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**Pursue all Perseverance and Patience with joyfulness, giving thanks unto the Father !
We hope for what we do not yet see, and in Perseverance wait-eagerly for it !
In your Perseverance you will acquire and gain your souls !
Therefore, be Patient unto the coming of the Lord !
Through these we all have blessed Hope !
And Hope does not disappoint !**

**Dear Lord, direct our hearts into the love of God, and into the Perseverance of Christ !
Establish us as ministers of God in much Patience and Perseverance !
Keep us in much Patience as we eagerly await Your coming !
Come Soon Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior !
All Glory and Honor is Yours !
Forever! Amen!**