

Always heard "Don't pray for patience"

015 "The Patience of Jesus"  
2 Peter 3:3-10

- Told to have it
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Expect it from others + God
- Jesus has it

we long to be like Him

OUR CURRENT STUDY

- Compassion - Feeling S.O.S
  - Kindness - Woman at the Well
  - Humility - Incarnation
  - Gentleness - Arrest
- Tonight patience

Colossians 3:12-13 "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you."

ΜΑΚΡΟΘΥΜΙΑ - "long suffering"  
ΜΑΚΡΟ - "long"  
ΘΥΜΟΣ - "anger" or "wrath"

What does it look like?

• it puts up with sinners + ultimately forgives

I'm chosen to see the patience of Jesus in His DELAYED RETURN

2 Peter 3:3-10

- 3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,
- 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."
- 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,
- 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.
- 7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
- 8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.
- 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
- 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

The Coming Judgment is a certainty!

- God's word created
- God's word destroyed
- God's word promises judgment

Why The Delay?

He's in no hurry to destroy sinners

THE ELECT

2 Peter 1:1 "Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

★ Christ's Patience is seen every day that He doesn't return (2,000 yrs) -

ILLUSTRATION →

NOTE - Reveals Church in the world, not world in the church.  
 (Matt 18 commands getting world out of church)

**TURN TO:**

⊛ Why non-believers exist + why God lets them remain.

**Matthew 13:24-30**

Farmer's Planting

24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field."  
 (Elect) (World)

Enemy's Plot

25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away."  
 (unbelievers) → crazy serpent

Slaves Problem

26 "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also."  
 27 "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'  
 Impatient

Farmer's Plan

29 "But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.'  
 = wheat who don't yet believe.

30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn."  
 Patience

(Key)

**Matthew 13:36-39** "Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world, and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom, and the tares are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels."

• God would not risk hurting the wheat, so He patiently endured the tares

(My garden + the bermuda grass)

• Explains why America has endured.  
 • Sodom not destroyed until Lot left (Gen 19)  
 • believer in a home with a non-believer (1 Cor. 7)

⊛ THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR JUDGMENT IT IS TIME FOR SALVATION

Ashtley Ellison - "You pray for patience, you get stuff like this"

## TURN TO:

### Luke 9:51-56

- 51 When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem;
- 52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him.
- 53 But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem.
- 54 When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"
- 55 But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of;
- 56 for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.

NO - YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!  
• Wrong Spirit  
• Time for Patience!

(Jesus was patient)

**2 Kings 1:9-10** "Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" Elijah replied to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

**John 3:16-18** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

SO: GOD'S PATIENCE IS SEEN GREATEST IN HIS TOLERANCE OF WICKED MEN

**Romans 2:4** "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

**Romans 9:14-24** "What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles."

• God's love for the elect prompted His patience with the wicked.

**1 Timothy 1:15-16** "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life."

• Paul an example of one of those late blessing elect that we would have killed.

**1 Peter 3:18-20** "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water."

• Imagine the mocking "Hey Noah, how much rain did you get?"

100 years of patient evangelism

WE ARE PRESENT  
DAY NOAH'S

So what does it look like?

**APPLICATION**

**I. PATIENT WITH ~~OR BROTHERS~~ THE SAINTS**

**Ephesians 4:1-3** "Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

- They don't always do what you want

**II. PATIENT WITH THE STUBBORN**

**2 Timothy 4:1-5** "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

- They seldom listen quickly

**III. PATIENT WITH SINNERS**

**James 5:10** "As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord."

→ **HARD LIFE**

• Did not quit

Is. 611 - "How Long"

Jer. 15:15-21

Elijah - "take my life"



Apostle John  
"Prophecy Again"  
(Rev. 10:11)

**⊛ PATIENT WITH THEM LIKE JESUS WAS WITH YOU!**

**Matthew 18:23-27** "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. "When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. "But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. "So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.' "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt."

- forbearance
- forgiveness



**BE LIKE JESUS**  
**BE PATIENT**