

DOCTRINE OF PATIENCE

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I. Greek vocabulary.

- A. Ὑπομονή, hupomone: patience with respect to circumstances.
- B. Ὑπομενώ, hupomeno: patience.
- C. Μακροθυμία, makrothumia: longsuffering, forbearance with respect to people. This is the only word used to denote God's patience, 1Thess.5:14; Eph.6:2.

II. Patience is an anthropopathism for:

- A. Holding back wrath to the unbeliever, Rom.2:4; 9:22; 1Pet.3:20; 2Pet.3:9.
- B. An eschatological waiting over the elect, Lk.18:18, the unjust judge.

III. Patience is the principle of positive volition at God consciousness, Rom.2:7.

IV. Patience and GAP (the grace apparatus for perception).

- A. Bible Doctrine produces it, Gal.5:22; Col.1:11.
- B. It is essential (in tests) to our advance, Heb.12:1; Rom.15:4,5.
- C. It designates a category of listener to Bible Doctrine, Lk.8:15.
- D. It is a virtue developed by testing, Jam.1:3.
- E. It eventuates in maturity, Jam.1:4.

V. Patience is a part of the indwelling of Christ, 2Pet.1:6.

VI. Examples of patience.

- A. Christ, 2Thess.3:5; 2Pet.3:15.
- B. Old Testament saints, Heb.6:12.
- C. Job, Jam.5:11.
- D. Abraham as the example of grace, Heb.6:15.
- E. Paul to Pastor-Teachers, 1Tim.1:6,16; 2Tim.3:10.
- F. Paul to the Royal Family, 2Cor.6:46; 12:12.
- G. Old Testament prophets, Jam.5:10.

VII. Specific categories should have patience.

- A. Pastor-Teachers, 1Tim.6:11; 2Tim.4:2.
- B. The Church as a whole, Rev.2:2,19; 3:10.
- C. Older men, elders, Ti.2:2.

VIII. The Royal Family is to have patience toward all men, 1Thess.5:14.

IX. Lack of patience is a sign of negative volition or reversionism, Heb.10:36.

X. Patience is one of the characteristics of true love, 1Cor.13:4,7.

XI. Patience has a Phase 3 application to the Church.

- A. Even though not in the Rapture, be patient, Rom.8:25.
- B. It is commanded as we wait, Jam.5:7,8.
- C. It is a characteristic of the model church, 1Thess.1:3; 2Thess.1:4.

XII. Patience and testing, Rom.12:12.

- A. Testing perfects patience, Rom.5:3; Jam.1:3.
- B. Doctrinal precedent encourages patience, Rom.15:4.
- C. A reward is associated with enduring undeserved suffering, 1Pet.
- D. The believer must endure all things for positive volition, 2Tim.2:10; 1Cor.13:7.

XIII. Fellowship in patience, Rom.15:5; Rev.1:9.