

DOCTRINE OF PATIENCE

- I. Introduction and vocabulary:
 - A. Patience (or being patient) is a virtue of will or ability to endure without complaint; it requires perseverance while maintaining composure in performing a task; patience calmly tolerates delay, confusion, pain, trouble, others, etc., often persevering under less than model or righteous conditions; patience refuses to be provoked by others.
 - B. Hebrew:
 - 1. אָרַךְ - -arek; long; slow; patience (2x) Ecc.7:8; Jer.15:15
 - 2. חָלַל – chul; wait patiently; Psal.37:7
 - 3. קָוָה – qawah; to wait for; waited patiently for; Psal.40:1
 - C. Greek:
 - 1. μακροθυμέω – makrothumeo; verb; used 9x; to persevere, to be patient, have patience, patiently waited; emphasizes patience towards others. Used to denote God's patience, Luk.18:7; 2Pet.3:9; in parabolic teaching Jam.5:7b
 - 2. μακροθυμία – makrothumia; noun; used 14x; patience, long-suffering.
 - 3. μακροθύμως – makrothumos; adverb; used 1x; Act.26:3
 - 4. ὑπομένω – hupomeno; verb; used 16x; to stay behind, to await, endure with patience; perseveres; emphasizes patience towards circumstances. Used of Christ as an example of steadfastness or patient enduring, 2The.3:5
 - 5. ὑπομονή - hupomone; noun; used 31x; endurance, patient, perseverance, steadfastness.
- II. Patience is an anthropopathism to describe God:
 - 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. Luk.18:7-8; Jam.5:7
 - C. Applying grace to the believer. Jer.15:15
- III. Patience is the principle of positive volition (+V) at God consciousness. Rom.2:7
- IV. Patience and GAP (the grace apparatus for perception).
 - A. Bible Doctrine via FHS produces it. Gal.5:22; Col.1:9-11 cf. 3:12
 - B. It is essential (in tests) to our advance. Rom.15:4,5; Heb.12:1
 - C. It designates a category of listener to Bible Doctrine. Luk.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 (BD in us). 2Pet.1:6
- VI. Examples of patience.
 - A. Christ. 2The.3:5; 2Pet.3:15
 - B. Old Testament saints. Heb.6:12
 - C. Job. Jam.5:11

- D. Abraham as the example of grace afforded in patience. Heb.6:15
 - E. Paul to Pastor-Teachers. 1Tim.1:15-16; 2Tim.3:10
 - F. Paul to the Royal Family. 2Cor.6:6; 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. Tit.2:2
- VIII.** Patience avoids the knee-jerk reaction to –V prospering and scheming that effectively shuts down faith-rest. Psal.37:7
- IX.** The Royal Family is to have patience towards all men. 1The.5:14
- X.** Lack of patience is a sign of negative volition or reversionism. Heb.10:36
- XI.** Patience is antithesis to arrogance. Ecc.7:8
- XII.** Patience of the believer appeals to God who responds to our needs. Psal.40:1
- XIII.** Patience is one of the characteristics of true love. 1Cor.13:4,7
- XIV.** Patience has a Ph₃ 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. 1The.1:3; 2The.1:4
- XV.** 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 for enduring undeserved suffering. 1Pet.2:20
 - D. The believer must endure all things for +V. 2Tim.2:10 cp. 1Cor.13:7
- XVI.** Fellowship in patience. Rom.15:5; Rev.1:9