

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Patience

Most Christians admit that they could be more patient. We find ourselves lacking patience with our children, with one another, and especially with the world. Paul told Timothy, *"But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness"* (6:11).



Pursue patience. How does one do that? How does a person get patience? The Bible tells us the answer to this:

- Patience comes from enduring trials (Jas 1:2-3). The testing of our faith produces endurance. The word "Patience" means to "suffer long" or "abide under." The Romans were told, *"And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance"* (5:3).

Patience is more than the ability to wait. There are many things we must wait for. Stop lights, security lines at the airport, check out lines are just a few of the daily things we wait for. God's idea of patience carries not only the concept of waiting, but waiting under control. It is not becoming irritated and upset because you have to wait. It is not giving up because you do not see an answer today. Abraham received a promise from God about a child. That promise was not fulfilled for another 25 years.

We pray and nothing happens. Either we give up on prayer, saying it never works, or we continue to pray, believing in his time God will bring about His will.

God's idea of patience involves greater things than waiting at traffic lights. It is being patient with people as they grow, because growth takes time. It is being patient as our children learn responsibility. It is easy to just do things ourselves but sometimes, we must be patient and let others learn to do things. It is the only way they will learn. Patient with the new Bible class teacher. Patient with the person leading his first public prayer. Waiting with a smile is a good way of seeing patience. Can you do that? Can you be patient with me? Can I be patient for you?

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **PATIENCE**, kindness, goodness,*

Sunday's *Little* Helpers

- ▶ Sit a little closer to the front
- ▶ Stay a little longer after services
- ▶ Pray a little harder
- ▶ Give a little more
- ▶ Sing a little louder
- ▶ Reflect a little longer
- ▶ Forgive a little faster
- ▶ Take a little more notes
- ▶ Smile a little longer
- ▶ Speak to visitors a little more



"It was loud, forceful, and clashed with my sensibilities. And that was just your tie."



Family Connections

News for You

- Many are traveling this time of year. The **Corley's, John Crase's** are out of town today.
- **Jordan Shouse** is preaching at Duff today.
- **June 21st** there will be an outside cleanup work party starting at 8:00 AM. Bring yard tools! Everyone is welcome!

For your Prayers:

- **Jeanie Wilder** is recovering from heart surgery. She remains in Norton hospital
- **Imogene Hendricks, Nora Mann** continue to need our prayers
- **Audrey Hoke** had her tonsils and adenoids removed.
- **Carley Lile** had ear surgery
- **Blake Cunningham** is scheduled to have his port removed on Thursday
- **Amanda Blaine** has a broken leg
- **Curt Blaine** is struggling with a bad back

Personal Group # 3 will meet at DeWhirst's after PM services



Anger Does No Good

Anger. It's a peculiar yet predictable emotion. It begins as a drop of water. An irritant. A frustration. Nothing big, just an aggravation. Someone gets your parking place. Someone pulls in front of you on the freeway. A waitress is slow and you are in a hurry. The toast burns. Drops of water. Drip. Drip. Drip. Drip.

Yet, get enough of these seemingly innocent drops of anger and before long you've got a bucket full of rage. Walking revenge. Blind bitterness...

Now, is that any way to live? What good has hatred ever brought? What hope has anger ever created? What problems have ever been resolved by revenge?

No Wonder they call Him the Savior

