

INTRODUCTION

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ are authoritative, and they are good for us when we hear them and keep them. So are all the doctrines in the Bible that teach us how to live as godly disciples of Jesus. So that is what we are to teach in the congregation of the saints. When we do, all are nourished, edified, strengthened in the faith toward maturity in Christ.

But when a congregation allows people to teach something else, it opens the door to all kinds of temptation. Men are tempted to perverse, twisted kinds of strife with each other. In that situation, men can thrive who don't really love godliness, but just love money and desire to be rich.

The man of God must flee all such temptations. Those men in offices of leadership in the church, foremost, but also everyone should run away from such temptations, and run after graces, virtues found in Jesus Christ and given by Him.

We have studied through the list of graces given here in 1 Timothy 6:11, and have just one left, which we take up today: patience.

TEXT

1 Timothy 6:3-11

BODY

- I. We Are Learning to Pursue the Grace of “Patience”
- A. We need the word “patience” here adequately to express this biblical concept
 - B. The Greek word we are dealing with here is G5281 *hupomone* a noun from the verb G5278 *hupomeno*
 1. hupo = under
 2. meno = to stay
 - C. This word *hupomone*, as the apostle uses it, refers to how a Christian suffers and works, waiting in hope for Jesus Christ
 1. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and **patience [G5281 *hupomone*]** of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father
 2. Romans 8:18-25 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (19) For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; (21) because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (23) Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. (24) For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with ~~perseverance~~ **[patience G5281 *hupomone*]**.
 - D. “Patience” is the word for this grace also by long-standing tradition
 1. 600 years
 2. Wycliffe, Tyndale, Geneva, KJV, RV/ASV
 - E. Over the past 100 years, Bible translators have used other words besides “patience,” such as “endurance” and “steadfastness” and “perseverance.”
 1. Moffatt gave us “steadfastness,” which was followed by RSV, ESV
 2. NASB gave us “perseverance”
 3. NIV used “endurance,” which was followed by CSB
 - F. These words approach the concept, but lack something important
 1. yes, to have patience, one must have endurance, must endure
 2. yes, to have patience, one must have steadfastness, must be steadfast
 3. yes, to have patience, one must have perseverance, must persevere
 4. but the Christian virtue or grace of patience is something more; it is endurance or steadfastness or perseverance with hope in Jesus Christ
 - G. As you know, I often observe that the words for various vices and virtues pass out of use in our language as the biblical meaning also passes out of our cultural understanding; I believe the best thing to do in response is to learn the traditional language and use it among Christians even if the broader culture does not
 - H. So, even if your particular English Bible says “steadfastness” or “endurance,” or “perseverance,” please consider this grace or virtue with the more accurate term “patience.”

II. We Are Pursuing Patience In Relation to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

A. Revelation 1:9 “companion in the tribulation and kingdom and **patience** of Jesus Christ”

1. John and the other apostles are companions with us in the patience of Jesus Christ; see how that is

B. The tribulation of Jesus Christ

1. when He was here on earth, He suffered, He endured affliction and tribulation;
2. while we are here on earth as His disciples, we share in His sufferings, in His afflictions, in His tribulations

C. The kingdom of Jesus Christ

1. now, He is ruling over His kingdom in such a way that His grace is shown all over the world, and we receive grace from Him;
2. when He comes again, He will rule over His kingdom in such a way that His glory will be shown all over the world, and we will receive glory from Him

D. The patience of Jesus Christ

1. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ patiently endured most severe tribulation in order to bring in His kingdom;
2. so, Paul and Barnabas told the congregations, we must through many afflictions or tribulations enter into the kingdom of God

E. So, the grace of patience is all tied to Jesus Christ

1. He is the great example of patience: in perfect patience, Jesus Christ suffered tribulation, to enter the glory of His kingdom
2. So we, His disciples learn patience as we share in His tribulations on the way to entering the glory of His kingdom

III. We Grow In Patience Through Troubles In This Life

James 1:2-5 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces **patience [G5281 hupomone]**. 4 But let **patience [G5281 hupomone]** have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

- A. It is our natural reaction to any troubles, to get upset and unhappy
- B. But the word of God teaches us that troubles are reason to be joyful, because in trials, God works on our faith to produce patience; enough of that kind of work makes us well equipped with patience
- C. Because it is God's work in us, we pray for patience - 2 Thessalonians 3:5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the **patience [G5281 hupomone]** of Christ.
- D. We also work to increase it in ourselves
 - 1. here in 1 Timothy 6:11, the apostle Paul tells us to pursue faith or follow after it and other graces
 - 2. the apostle Peter gives the same exhortation in terms not of pursuing patience and other graces to catch them, but of working to add them to our faith 2 Peter 1:5-8 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control **perseverance [patience G5281 hupomone]**, to **perseverance [patience G5281 hupomone]** godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- E. So, patience is pursued in the presence of suffering; we pray for it and work to add it to our character during tribulation

[If time is up, conclude at this point.]

IV. We Need Patience Corporately, for the Good of the Congregation

A. For keeping up the work of the congregation

1. Revelation 2:2-3 "I know your works, your labor, your **patience [G5281 hupomone]**, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have **patience [G5281 hupomone]**, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.
2. Revelation 2:19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your **patience [G5281 hupomone]**; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

B. For keeping peace in the congregation

1. Romans 15:1-7 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. 3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the **patience [G5281 hupomone]** and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of **patience [G5281 hupomone]** and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

V. We Need Patience Individually, for the Salvation of the Soul

Hebrews 10:32-39 But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: 33 partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; 34 for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. 35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of ~~endurance~~ **[patience G5281 hupomone]**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: 37 "FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY. 38 NOW THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; BUT IF ANYONE DRAWS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM." 39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

- A. We are justified in God's sight not by our works, or any virtue in ourselves, but through faith in Jesus Christ; yet not all who say they believe in Jesus Christ have true saving faith in Him
- B. Phony, fake faith, when tested by sufferings and tribulations, shows its falseness by forsaking Christ and falling away; so, a person who says he believes in Jesus Christ, but then, when tested by tribulation, casts away his confidence in Christ, and draws back, should not expect salvation, but perdition
- C. True saving faith, when tested by sufferings and tribulations, shows forth in the grace of patience; so, a person who believes in Jesus Christ, and, when tested by tribulation, has the patience of hope in Christ, can expect his soul to go to heaven when he dies, and to be saved from God's wrath in the day of judgment

CONCLUSION

The grace of Christian patience is the ability to suffer and to work, waiting in hope for Jesus Christ. Such patience is all in reference to Jesus, as we look to His example, and trust that He will take care of us through whatever comes.

We rejoice in troubles, knowing that patience develops in us during tribulation; we pray for it as God's work in us, and we work to add it to our own character.

We need patience corporately, for the good of the congregation.

We need patience individually, for the salvation of the soul.

So, let us flee from temptations to sin, and pursue or follow after patience.

~~Allison~~ Rita - Prelude

~~Allison~~ Rita - Trinity 667 "To God Be the Glory" - Alex lead

Rita - Trinity 522 - "Through All the Changing Scenes"

Rita - Trinity 431 - "Just As I Am" - Andrew lead

Roel - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Psalm 34:1-3

Thad - Scripture Reading - Ecclesiastes 7:5-12

~~Jeremiah~~ JRY - Congregational Prayer

JRY - Lord's Supper - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

VI. We Need That Patience For Times of Severe Tribulation

Revelation 13:5-10 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. (6) Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. (7) It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (8) All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (9) If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (10) He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the **patience** and the faith of the saints.

- A. when powers that be in this world are so corrupt that they make war with the saints and overcome them
- B. when all who dwell on the earth, who are not the disciples of Jesus Christ, are going along with it
- C. when Christians are being put in prison and even being killed
- D. then we, the saints of Jesus Christ, have great need for much patience

patience ESV: steadfastness CSB: endurance

G5281 *hupomone*

Strong: cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy from G5278

Thayer:

- 1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance
 - a) in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings
 - b) patiently, and steadfastly
- 2) a patient, steadfast waiting for
- 3) a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance

G5278 *hupomeno*

Strong: from G5259 and G3306; to stand under (behind), that is, remain, figuratively to undergo, that is, bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: -abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, tarry behind

endurance - word not found in GEN, KJV, RV/ASV

-”endure” and “endured” used many times

-”patience” used many times; “patient” used 9 times

etymonline: endurance

-late 15th c “continued existence in time”

-1660s “ability to bear suffering, etc.”

steadfastness

-spelled "stedfast" in KJV

VII.

VIII.

IX.

X. James 5:7-11 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! 10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. 11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the ~~perseverance~~ [**patience G5281 hupomone**] of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

A. Regarding the wicked who trouble us -

1. 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your **patience [G5281 hupomone]** and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, 5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.
2. Revelation 3:8-12 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept ~~My command to persevere~~ [**the word of my patience G5281 hupomone**], I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

- XI. How Patience Is Related to Labor
- XII. How Patience Is Related to Hope
- XIII. How Patience Is Related to Salvation
 - A.
 - B.
- XIV.
- XV. How Patience Is Our Duty
 - A.
 - B. Revelation 14:12 Here is the [**patience G5281 hupomone**]of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.
- XVI.
- XVII. How the Old Men of the Congregation Are to Lead the Way In This
 - A. Titus 2:2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in **patience [G5281 hupomone]**;
 - B.
 - C.

Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with **patience [G5281 hupomone]**.

Luke 21:16-19 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. 18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost. 19 By your **patience [G5281 hupomone]** possess your souls.

Romans 2:5-9 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "WILL RENDER TO EACH ONE ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS": 7 eternal life to those who by **patient continuance [G5281 hupomone]** in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;

Romans 5:1-10 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces ~~perseverance~~ **patience [G5281 hupomone]**; 4 and ~~perseverance~~ **patience [G5281 hupomone]**, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates

His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 8:16-25 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with ~~perseverance~~ **patience [G5281 hupomone]**.

2 Corinthians 1:3-9 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for **enduring [G5281 hupomone]** the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. 8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

Colossians 1:9-12 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all **patience [G5281 hupomone]** and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Revelation 14:6-13 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-- 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." 8 And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." 9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the

cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." 12 Here is the **patience [G5281 *hupomone*]** of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

D. 2 Thess 3:5 NKJV the patience of Christ KJV the patient waiting for Christ

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see Revelation 019, 020

Poole: a quiet bearing of injuries