

MARKET STREET

"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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"Patience" Can Save Your Soul!

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Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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David A. Cox, Editor

Who among us has no need for patience? Parents have an enormous need for patience because of the growth and the maturing of children. We know that their "growing up" will see many obstacles, and as parents we must be patient with them as they find their way in life.

When Jesus prepared His disciples for the task that would follow His crucifixion and resurrection, He told them of the troubles that awaited them. Luke 21 tells of Jesus giving instructions to them as they prepared to take the gospel to the world. The world itself would face great "earthquakes", "famine" and deadly "pestilence" coinciding with the apostles' persecution. His people would need a huge dose of "patience".

Here we must define our terms. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines patience as it is commonly used today:

"...The power to wait calmly; endurance of pain or provocation without complaint."

We can picture a father teaching a child to ride a bicycle, all the time exhibiting "patience". Perhaps it's a coach explaining how to throw, catch, or hit a baseball. It takes "patience", a quality often more easily described or observed than to practice. Yes, everyone today needs patience, and most of all, Christians need patience.

In Luke 21:16-19, Jesus tells His closest friends, His apostles, that they would face hatred, betrayal and death as they did their Master's work. But in verse 21, note the imperative "...In your patience, possess ye your souls."

We realize that, while "wait calmly" can play a part in the Christian's life, it cannot be the entire significance of "patience" here. In fact, the Greek word that is translated "patience" carries with it an additional quality to merely "waiting." In his Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words, W. E. Vine states that terms like "endurance, perseverance and steadfastness" better describe that thought. Someone may "patiently wait" for the outcome to be seen more clearly, but there is still the need for

endurance, for perseverance in the face of the opposition they would be facing, as described in the context of Luke 21. His apostles would be opposed, deceived, imprisoned and otherwise persecuted, but they must be “patient”, willing to persevere in their everyday faith efforts. They must be determined to endure whatever Satan might place in their path.

Even in our daily tasks in the business world there is a need for this kind of “patience”. The salesperson cannot give up at the slightest hesitance on the part of the potential buyer. The mechanic cannot give up until the “problem” is discovered and solved. Giving up when the “going gets tough” results in failure - and failure is not to be readily accepted on the part of the Christian, the parent, the spouse, the teacher or the preacher.

Satan and his cronies do not give up easily. Often they are more diligent, more determined than those who follow Jesus. For every determined servant of Satan there must be at least one “patient” servant of Christ. He has promised that He will be with us, and He reveals to us that the gospel is “the power of God unto salvation”, Romans 1:16. If we wield the “sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” Ephesians 6:17, we will have the advantage. The “power of God” is greater than any power of Satan or any of his ministers may possess, Luke 1:37; 5:10; 18:27.

But - we must be “patient”, we must steadfastly persevere in our responsibilities to our God:

- * In our efforts of evangelism.
- * In our standards of ethics and morals.
- * In our searching, study and understanding of God's word.
- * In our support of those taking the truth of God to difficult places.
- * In the way we treat our family, our friends - and even our enemies.
- * In the way we approach our jobs and personal responsibilities.

What is the effect of such an attitude? We “possess”, we control, obtain and guide the destiny of our souls. And that is the “hope of eternal life” every Christian can enjoy, Titus 1:2; 3:7.

Whatever you do, don't give up!

-via *College View Columns*; Florence, Alabama.

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

True Joy Through Christ

Matthew H. Allen

We need more happiness in our lives. Most of us would agree that our lives can get pretty complicated. Worries about this and that get us down. Guilt from sinful behavior can weigh on us. The curves that life throws out often lead one to discouragement and dread. Before long we find ourselves unhappy--and it shows! There is a need to simplify. There is a need to get back to the basics of life. I firmly believe that this can be accomplished through Jesus Christ.

True joy comes from learning to fully trust in Jesus. Jesus promised to supply our every need. While He promised no one material riches and *the good life*, those who serve Him can rest assure that their needs will be met. Beginning in Matthew 6:25 we read: *“For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

Haven't we all wasted time worrying about how we were going to supply ourselves with some **want** that we really didn't have to have? Christians must be aware of worrying so much about **wants** that their lives become totally miserable. Our lives can become entangled with our pursuits to the extent that we forget the simple things which can be a source of true happiness. We need not worry about our needs if we are serving the Lord. Those will be supplied. This should give rise to true happiness in our lives.

True joy can come from the comfort of knowing Jesus will be there for us. As we face trials and hardships in this life we have the privilege of turning to God's word for comfort. The Holy Spirit has told us that we will never be forsaken. We confidently say, *“The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?”* (Hebrews 13:6). See also Matthew 10:28-30. Jesus can and will add balance to our lives--if we will turn to Him. As an infant who has undying

trust that his parents will be there for him, so we must look to Christ. The assurance of the Scriptures and the examination of how God has provided for us in the past should be a tremendous source of comfort!

True Joy can come from having our sins forgiven. Sin is like dead weight on the soul. It can trap one in a world of guilt, anxiety, and depression. Christ promises to remove the dead weight by redeeming us through His blood. The Christian can have comfort that through Christ he begins a new life (Romans 6:8-11). After becoming a Christian we gain forgiveness from sin through our repentance and confession (1 John 1:8-10; Acts 8:22-24).

True joy can be found by developing and maintaining good family relationships. Some of the happiest times in my life have come from the time spent with my wife and children as we share our lives together. Make a point to laugh with one another. Relax and be silly sometimes. Compliment each other. Tell your spouse and kids that you love them. Be there for each other when times are tough. We can become so immersed in a career; paying bills; housework; etc. that these simple pleasures are taken for granted. True happiness will come about when we trust in Christ enough to have a godly home (Ephesians 5-6).

Those who lived just a few generations ago could not possibly comprehend many of the blessings we now take for granted. But while we have all these things to aid in our physical comfort let us not forget to remember that the simple things mentioned above can be a source of great happiness as we look forward to eternity.

-via *New Living*; Brownsburg, Indiana

Gospel Meeting

April 18-22, 2010

Buc Chumbley, Speaking

Market Street church of Christ
514 West Market Street
Athens, Alabama

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

Robert Allen Tinnon; Athens Limestone, rm. 304

At Home:

Helen Blankenship	Bobby McGuire
Fay Ferguson	Tim Craig
Angela Craig	Gladys Johnson
Harold Hays	Evelyn Hays
Polly Davis	Bobbie Adcock
Lola Colwell	Cliiford Smith
Molly Weeks	Janet Jones
Jeff Waddell	Jeff Bates
Thomas Lovell	Marie Welden
Ruth Lawson	Buddy Lawson

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74
Marjorie Lambert, rm. 91	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Bernice Thomas, rm. 98	Mary Smith, rm. 85

Limestone Manor:

Albert & Mary Norton, rm. 96

Limestone Lodge:

Ruth Owens, rm. 12W

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.
Reba Adams, at home
Mary Coggins, at home

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

Joel Smith; Iraq
Whitney Smith; Japan

OUT OF TOWN: *The Hamms:* Joel, Sharma, Clayton and Ragen have been in south Alabama this week... *Nancy Abernathy* has been in Arkansas this week... *Ida Nell Griffin* has been out of the country on vacation.

WORK GROUPS: This evening, following our evening worship service, will be the time for Work Group 3 to meet. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group this evening.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy

thy to *Patrick Hooie and all the family*, in the passing of Patrick's father, *Clayburn Phillip Hooie*, this past Wednesday . His funeral was Friday morning at Spry.

WILTON PEPPER 1916-2010: It is with sadness that we report the passing of brother Wilton Pepper. He passed away early Friday morning at Limestone Health. Brother Pepper was a longtime member of the Market Street church. He led singing here and served as a deacon for many years. We want to express our deepest sympathy to all of brother Pepper's family. His funeral will be this afternoon at McConnell Funeral Home at 2:00p.m. His burial will be in the Roselawn cemetery.

OUR MEETING: Our Gospel Meeting with *Buc Chumbley* preaching is just four weeks ahead of us. There are some invitation cards at each exit for you to take and give to those that you invite or some invitations with an envelope to send. In the next couple of weeks, we will start going out in the evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons to invite people to our meeting, if you would like to do this let me know.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Somerville church* in Somerville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Steve Klein*...The *Midway church* in Greenhill in Lauderdale county is to begin a meeting on Thursday evening and it will continue through next Sunday. *Lee Wildman* will be the speaker in this meeting...The *South Cullman church* in Cullman is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening with *Alan Yeater* speaking.

PREACHING AWAY: *David Cox* is preaching for the *Jones Road church* here in the county this morning and will be back this evening

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Convalescent Center on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

NURSERIES AVAILABLE: There are two nurseries available for those who will need them. One is in the west wing and the other in the east wing.

THE RECORD: Attendance— Week of March 7th

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 126
Morning Worship 155
Evening Worship..... 113

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 102

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 21st:

Morning Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Larry Mitchell
Preaching Warren Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding Monroe Pressnell
Assisting Kenneth Smith
Serving David Terry Landon Adams
..... Jonathan Keenon Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer Wayne Vaughn

Evening Worship

Announcements Rusty Brand
Song Leader Stuart Wilson
Prayer Joel Hamm
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper Monroe Pressnell
Closing Prayer Landon Adams

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 14th:
Usher Ronnie Locke
Work Sound System Marty Adams

Wednesday, March 24th:

Song Leader Joel Hamm
Bible Reading..... (Ecclesiastes 1:12-18)
..... Marty Adams
Prayer Nathaniel Adams
Invitation Jerry McGlocklin
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Sunday, March 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Monroe Pressnell
Assisting Kenneth Smith
Serving David Terry Landon Adams
..... Jonathan Keenon Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Keenon Currier
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer Lifford Smith

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 28th:
Usher Danny Johnson
Work Sound System Tim Craig