

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Patience

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**New Elder:** Paul Stone will be appointed as an Elder this morning.

**Pray:** Ben and Carla's grand-son is in the hospital in Nashville, TN, Wayne Ezell, Herb and Jean, Danesa, and Peggy Beebe

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Alice Stone will be traveling this week. Ben is traveling to the east coast for emergency duty.

**Men's Business Meeting:** There will be a men's business meeting March 3. Agenda items are due into Ed by end of service this evening.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." **James 1:4 (NKJV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "

<sup>30</sup> Yet for many years You had patience with them, And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet they would not listen; Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands." **Nehemiah 9:30 (NKJV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 81/59 Record: 107**

*For more detail, please go to the web site.*

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## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear .....Romans 10:17  
 Believe .....Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6  
 Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10  
 Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33  
 Be Baptized ..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16  
 Arise & Walk in Newness of Life .....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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## Patience

Years ago, when I was working for the State of Alaska in McGrath I had a job that was either boring or extremely stressful. I was responsible for all wildland fire management on an area of over 66 million acres and I managed all the state owned forest on over 22 million acres of state owned lands. During the winter and early spring things were very quiet. However, during fire season this was not the case. My supervisory duties included three senior staff positions and about ten to twelve staff subordinate to them. However, when we had an active fire season, I often had several hundred people working directly or indirectly for me, and on occasion this increased to over 1,000 firefighters and support staff. Needless to say, that was when things became stressful. In addition to having this supervisory load, I also had to deal with a variety of State and Federal agencies, the Local and Regional Native Corporations and private landowners concerning fire management on and around their lands. And I had to, somehow, manage everything within the budget I was given.

During these times it was my practice to pray for patience when walking to the office in the mornings and throughout the day. And invariably there seemed to be something that would try my patience. Either something would break, like a radio repeater that would close a significant part of our communication, or an airplane, or we would have a personnel issue that would be bumped up to me to resolve (this usually meant having to fire someone), or I would have to deal with a federal manager new to Alaska who didn't understand the working relationships that had been established here. And it seemed that every time I prayed for patience I would need it more and more. Something always happened that would require that I exercised patience to resolve. It got to where I thought about not praying for patience, so that maybe things wouldn't happen and I would not need it! And I know that I am not the only one whose job required a lot of patience.

Patience is mentioned 23 times in the New Testament. Often it is mentioned in a context that references difficulties, distress, trials, and/or tribulations. Luke quotes Jesus as saying; "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls." **Luke 21:16-19 (NKJV)**. Jesus is talking to His disciples and is telling them about the destruction of Jerusalem. Earlier in this chapter Jesus tells them; "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake." **Luke 21:12**. Jesus was letting His disciples know that there was going to be tremendous persecution and the stresses that would come with that. But He was also letting them know that God would protect them, and that they should exercise patience throughout the entire process. These are good things for us to remember to-

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day. Paul told our brothers and sisters in Philippi that they were to "Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:5-7 (NKJV)**. In other words Paul instructed them, and us today, to remain patient with everyone. And that patience should be something that non-Christians will marvel at as it lets our hearts and minds be at ease through Jesus.

This world is filled with things that will try our patience. Satan will ensure that. Peter tells us that he is "...your adversary..." and he "...walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." **1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)**. Satan will throw temptations our way throughout our lives. Some of these will be stressors in our work world that will try our patience. Others will be things in our home life that will stress our patience, and still others will be issues with family that will cause us to lose our patience. All of these are Satan's ways to cause us to stumble, or to lose our way. It may be that there is a coworker that does his/her best to cut you down or maybe they even steal your work and claim it as their own. It could be that finances cause stress in the family. Or it could be kids who seem to be doing things that you know they should not be doing, yet you can't see a way to keep them from acting out and discipline doesn't seem to be working. It could be that you have a supervisor that is difficult to work for, or a spouse that seems to be headed in a direction that will result in his/her eternal destruction and the breakup of your family. And these things seem to pile up on one another. Marital issues cause financial problems, the stress that generates is seen by your children and they begin to act out. The lack of sleep that these causes spills over into your work place and small aggravations seem to grow into mountains. Then these things begin to affect your health and that leads to more stress at home as you add medical expenses to an already tightly stretched budget.

The answer to this is, of course, Bible study and prayer. Paul writes this: "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus." **Romans 15:4-5 (NKJV)** So when things seem to be going wrong all the time and you become so stressed that you think you will break, remember PATIENCE. Go to some private place, read God's word and pray. Then that peace that passes the understanding of man will come upon you and you will realize that with God all these things can be resolved.