

Perfect and Entire

A. You are a Son/Daughter of God

- 1) God lives in you. 1 Cor 3:16
- 2) You are joint heir with Jesus. Rom 8:15-17
- 3) Jesus died so that you could be made perfect. Heb 10:14
- 4) Patience is the next step toward perfection.
 - a) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Jam 1:2-4

B. Ephesians 3:20 Patience

- 1) Definitions
 - a) Patience is joyful endurance (i.e., cheerful despite spiritual warfare).
 - b) Patience is waiting for the manifestation of God's promise or something even better after the Prayer of Faith has been prayed. Heb 6:12
Mark 11:24
- 2) Levels of Patience
 - a) Milk Patience - Baby believer, feeding on milk, receives immediately. 1 Pet 2:2
 - b) Meat Patience - Believer with action receives after standing for awhile. 1 Cor 3:2
 - c) Overcoming Patience - Believers with affirmation after some warfare. Jam 2:17-18
 - d) Strong Meat Patience - Believers with action/affirmations after much warfare. Heb 5:14
 - e) Impossibility Patience - Continue to call things that be not even after apparent failure in the natural, and with circumstances screaming impossible. Rom 4:17
 - f) Eph 3:20 Patience - Determination (firmness of intent) and unalterable trust in God regardless of circumstances until God provides a better promise than the one for which you had originally prayed.

C. The Patience of Elizabeth

- 1) The generational blessing of Patience. Mary was her cousin. Luke 1:36
- 2) She endured disgrace and shame without blaming God through her years as a woman without a child. Luke 1:6-7
- 3) She believed God for a child in her old age and continued to believe Him even when her husband was struck dumb. Luk 1:19-20
- 4) Her Eph 3:20 patience produced beyond her greatest imagination.
 - a) Her son, John the Baptist, was filled with the Spirit from birth. Luke 1:15
 - b) Her patient waiting resulted in her son being a contemporary of Jesus. Luk 1:56-57
 - c) Her son prepared the way for and baptized Jesus the Messiah. Mark 1:6-9
- 5) John the Baptist exemplified his mother's patience.
 - a) He lived in faith and patience, without fully understanding, and thereby became the greatest man born of woman. Matt 3:11-17
Matt 11:11
 - b) He went to his death not fully understanding the value of martyrdom.
 - c) His Eph 3:20 patience has put him into a position where he is not subject to the second death. Rev 20:4-6

D. Ending Days Patience

- 1) In your patience possess ye your souls. Luke 21:19
- 2) For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Heb 10:36
- 3) Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36
- 4) Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Rev 3:10