

Patiently Waiting For Him – March 19, 2009

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

As the Lord continues to prepare us for His coming and our being with Him, I have been realizing more and more the importance of setting our minds on things above. It is all too easy to be thinking about the things on earth and what we can see. But, as Paul tells us, "the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (1 Cor 4:18b) Below are a few verses that encourage us to wait patiently for the Lord and His grace in our lives, which is able to sanctify our hearts and conform us into His image.

"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and **patience** inherit the promises." (Hebrews 6:11,12)

"Be **patient**, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. You too be **patient**; strengthen (establish) your hearts, for the *coming* of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:7-8)

"Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, keep sober in spirit, fix your **hope** completely on the **grace** to be brought to you at the *revelation* of Jesus Christ. ... like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behaviour; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:13,15,16)

"For the **grace** of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, *looking* for the blessed **hope** and the *appearing* of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds." (Titus 2:11-14)

"But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. And may the Lord direct your hearts into the **love** of God and into the **patient waiting** for Christ." (2 Thessalonians 3:3,5)

"**Love is patient**, love is kind, ... bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4a,7,8a)

Amen.

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2 Corinthians 11:1-4; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 1:18; Hebrews 12:1-4

The message of the cross is the power of God unto salvation for those who believe. Let us take up our crosses daily and run the race with endurance.

God Bless,

Joey
Christ Our Life